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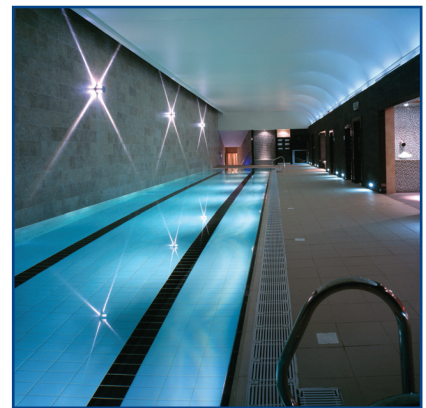
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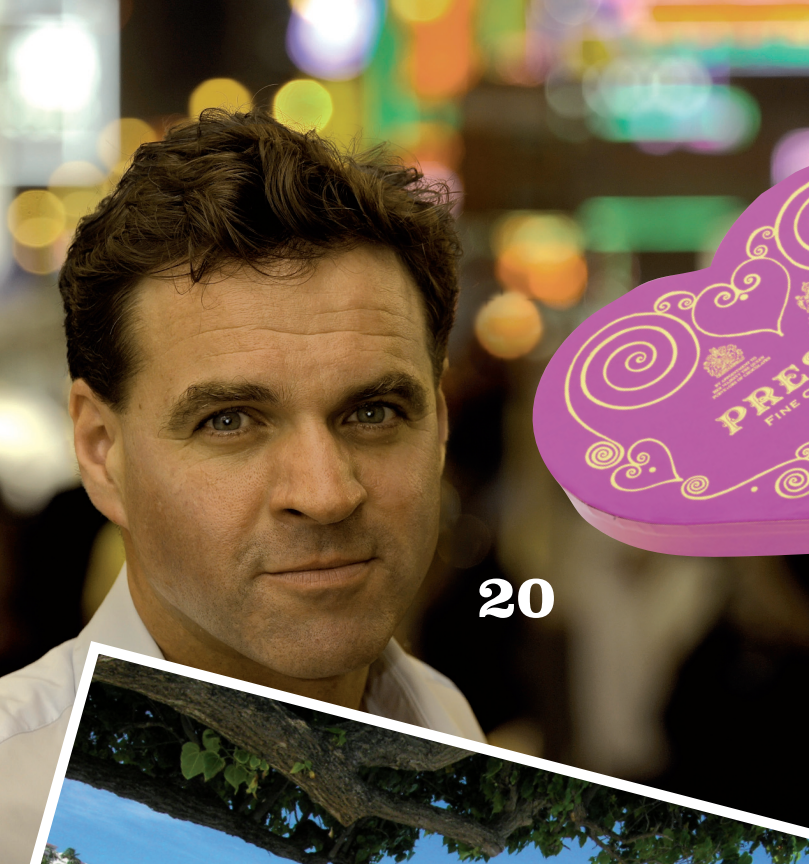
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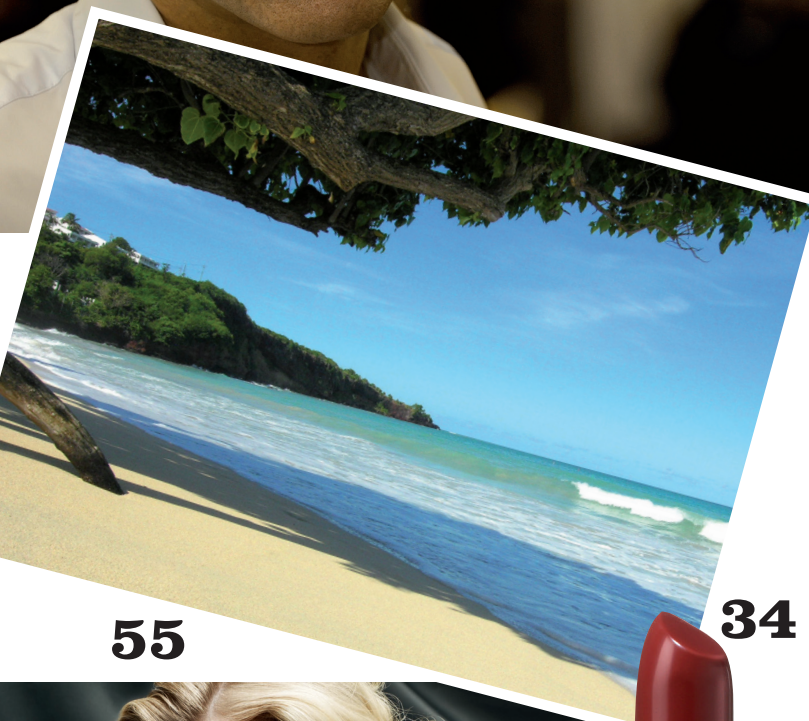
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If this is global warming, bring it on I say. The freezing temperatures we've had in recent weeks have made this winter more fun than any of those miserable, lily-livered mild winters of recent years. Who wouldn't prefer a sparkling hoar frost and blue skies to the wet gloom we've become accustomed to? It was my children's joy at discovering the frozen Serpentine that inspired this month's cover. Watching ducks and geese slip-sliding on the ice and throwing sticks to see if they could

break the surface was just so much fun; my four-year-old had never seen proper ice before. And I have never seen Hyde Park look more beautiful than on the frozen morning that we visited a few weeks ago. I've also got back to my inner Russian princess, wrapping myself in a rabbit fur from Portobello (heh, if you are prepared to eat it, I reckon you should be prepared to wear it) and braving the cold, toasty warm. I don't know what meteorological explanation there is for the cold snap but I think it's fabulous.

But if you are not a fan of the Arctic temperatures, you could always stay warm inside and read *The Resident*, we've got plenty to keep you entertained this month.

Historian **Niall Ferguson** is one of the commentators who saw the clouds gathering on the economic horizon long before the rest of us. He talks to Alistair Duncan about dirty money, his Atlantic commute and being a prophet of doom on page 20. But the rest of the magazine is gloom-free, as we celebrate **Valentine's Day** on page 23, with a pick of some of the most gorgeous gifts to keep the lady in your life very happy. On page 27 Lucy Pridden profiles **Emily Evan's** fantastic boutique, a favourite with celeb mums who relied on Emily's other store, 9London, to keep them fashion fabulous when they were expecting. Isabel Dexter solves a beauty dilemma on page 36, when she finds the solution for all curly-haired queens; the **permanent blow-dry** courtesy of Daniel Hersheson. And on page 33 you can read about my quest to wipe away the years, courtesy of some **natural face treatments**. And if you want to dream of sun, sea and sand, read about Beatrix Clark's trip to idyllic **Grenada** on page 55. It's just the pick-me up for a cold February day.

I hope you enjoy this issue,

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Amanda Constance
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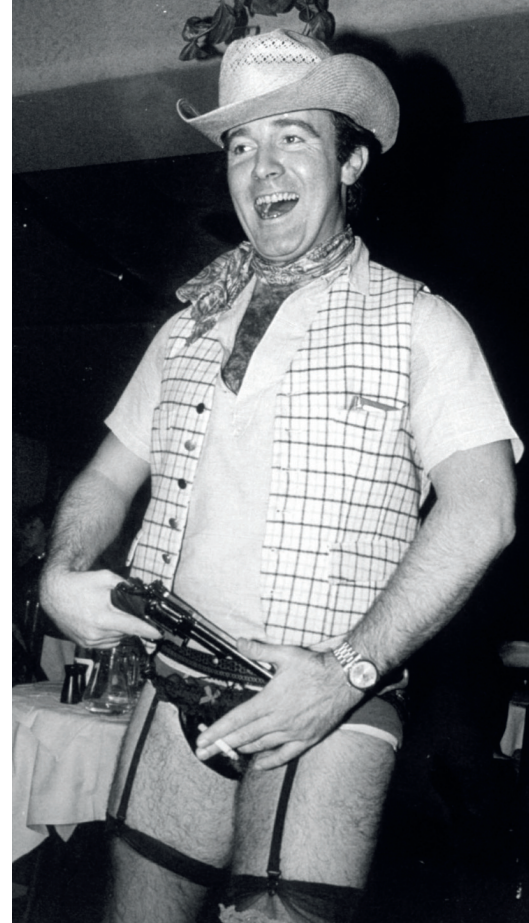
TWO'S COMPANY

A pair of new flamingos have joined famous residents Bill and Ben at the Rooftop Gardens. Youngsters Splish and Pecks (pictured, centre) have joined the veteran pair who have lived at the restaurant above Kensington High Street for the last 24 years. Bet they're tickled pink.

SO LONG, FAREWELL

The Seducer of the Valleys, the Conquistador of the Canapé Circuit and one-time semi-permanent fixture at Foxtrot Oscar, Dai Llewellyn has finally gone to the great cocktail party in the sky. The legendary socialite and prodigious womaniser died last month after a long illness. Now his daughter wants to raise money for the hospice that cared for him in his final months by completing the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge – which involves scaling Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within a 24-hour period. Arabella, a 25-year-old City stockbroker hopes to raise £10,000 for the Hospice in the Weald in Kent where the Welsh baronet was treated for cancer, diabetes and cirrhosis. Hazel Smith of the King's Road Trade Association, a long-time friend of Llewellyn's, is keen that Chelsea locals support Arabella's fund-raising efforts as a tribute and is happy to co-ordinate any efforts.

Hazel can be contacted on 020 7584 3105 07931 317 717 or hazel.s@btconnect.com



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ACCESS ALL AREAS

The Science Museum is throwing open its doors to big kids with special 'adults-only' nights this year, complete with music and alcohol. Grown-up visitors to the events, called Lates, which will take place on the last Wednesday of every month, will have free access to the museum's Launchpad gallery, an area designed to teach 8-14 year-olds the basics of physics through interactive exhibits. Bars will be open and each event will have an adult-friendly theme; January's event had a Japanese theme with sake, sushi and Japanese pop DJs.

The events follow the huge success of a pilot scheme to attract more adults last September when 2,000 adults attended. Museum programme manager Anthony Richards said: "We were shocked by how popular the late-night opening was so we decided to make it a regular feature." Visitors will be able to try out the 50 interactive exhibits, including a thermal imaging camera and a giant wall of bubbles.

The next night is on Wednesday 25 February, from 6.30-10pm, for more info visit: sciencemuseum.org.uk

CASHBACK

Some good credit crunch news. Kensington and Chelsea council is going to give cash handouts to thousands of council taxpayers to help them through the recession, the first council nationwide to do this. The move will cost the council £4m but will see all K&C residents £50 better off. Those who receive council tax benefit will get a cheque for £50 in April and those who pay council tax will see their April instalment cut by £50. Other recession-busting measure from the council include free parking on Saturdays and lending money to struggling small businesses. The free parking in April will see Saturday restrictions lifted in Notting Hill, Kensington High Street and King's Road. Way to go KBKC...

RED TERROR

It's safe to go back in the water...for the residents of the Holland Park wildlife pond anyway. A dangerous predator, a red-eared terrapin who had evaded capture and run amok in the pond for years, has been brought to justice. Council workers were able to capture the terrapin, an alien species with an appetite for our native fish and birds, when they drained the pond to carry out renovation work. It has now been moved to a pond in the country with three other terrapins. We can all breathe a sigh of relief.





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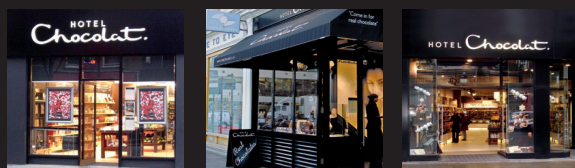


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Diary

by Lydia Williams

FROM 23 FEBRUARY

It's Fairtrade fortnight this month and The Chelsea Gardener is the perfect stop-off for responsibly sourced garden essentials. We love these handmade jute baskets, perfect for carrying plants and tools (from £59). **The Chelsea Gardener, 125 Sydney Street, SW3 6NR, 0207 352 5656 chelseagardener.com**



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FROM 5 FEBRUARY

Visit The Little Black Gallery's February exhibition, KISS this Valentine's Day for a high-brow date. Captured on celuloid are those special intimate moments – both real and staged, including Kate Moss' first professional assignment as a model aged 14.

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Chelsea girl

...has a thorn in her cashmere-clad side

It might seem that these credit-crunched times are not the best in which to begin a completely fresh hobby, which of course demands new accessories – gloves, shoes, even a mat – but hey, as I tell my husband regularly as he spots another package being delivered, “at least it’s not Prada”.

“It”, sheathed in brown paper, is yet another plant. Yes, our newish house has a garden, which family, up from the country, wince at pityingly as “so small” and which friends from central London with roof terraces gasp is “so big.” When we arrived, we were confronted by a wilderness of ivy, bindweed and prickles so dense it seemed possible elderly gardeners might still be in there, unaware the war had ended. The previous owner’s fear of burglars had led her to plant her garden back in 1956 with the aim of impaling them on one thorny bush or another, and it had run spikily riot ever since. If burly men carrying bags marked swag weren’t savaged by the mahonia as they shinned over the wall, then the holly would stab

them or the vicious little bush with red berries, whose name escapes me, but whose lethal spines don’t. Each and every one of those plants’ spines, spikes and prickles has found a painful home in the Christmas’ flesh. One wretched rose even dared to rip holes in my favourite Dries cardigan as I gingerly approached. Pausing only to curse and hack away with the closest the Chelsea Gardener offers to a machete, I have persisted, digging up

bindweed, ground elder and a vine with the determination I usually reserve for moth-hunting through my wardrobe.

I outsourced the prickles in a shamelessly cowardly manner to the laidback Barney from Rassells, who preserved a zen-like calm while wrestling hollies and felling mahonias. Such is my enthusiasm that, in a few months, the garden has had more makeovers than a victim of Trinny and Susannah victim. Camellias are planted, whisked up and replanted in more propitious sites on a weekly basis, bewildered roses are doing brisk tours round the garden while the sorely-tried hydrangea has barely spent two nights in the same bed. Every day, exotic offerings from far-flung garden centres arrive, while my visits to Petersham Nurseries and Homebase (I favour a hi-lo approach to gardening) in a quest for plants have far outnumbered those to Marni and Rococo in search of February solace. Organic slug pellets in a fetching shade of turquoise have been scattered merrily to bump off Chelsea’s densest concentration of snails. Despite this whirlwind of activity, the garden has survived. A huge twisted trunk of white wisteria was uncovered under the bindweed, a few brave roses are still lighting up the winter gloom with flutters of white and little spikes of green are coming up through the dense carpet of slug pellets. I’ve often seen foxes slinking through Chelsea – they are particularly fond of La Famiglia’s dustbins in Langton Street and whatever baked monkfish Jack Nicholson may have discarded lying in there – but I was touched to find wildlife – one hedgehog and three toads – in my garden. Now I just have to find out if The Conran Shop sells hedgehog houses.



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May I also advise you not to go into the details of your own personal problems on the first date? If you bombard your date with all sorts of monstrous stories about mad families tearing each other's hair out, or why your flatmate is the most vile creature on the whole planet, you risk appearing too negative. Obviously, if you do become a couple it couldn't matter less but don't be too familiar

At least he wasn't mean – always terribly unattractive in a man

too quickly – maintain a degree of mystique. Often less is more.

It has been said in the past that there is no romance without finance. I have split hairs endlessly over this one and I'm afraid my findings aren't great. I think a lot has to do with age and context. For example, a beautifully bronzed, blonde pair of gap-year students travelling around Goa, without a care in the world, eating out for approximately £1 at a time, might well think that an injection of finance into their relationship would be unnecessary and pretentious. Fast forward five years when they are mortgaged up to the hilt and struggling to pay council tax and every other tax under the sun, they may not be averse to a spot of luxury. I did once hear of a certain blonde who demanded a pair of La Perla pants every Monday from her poor beleaguered boyfriend. At £50 a shot, these knickers don't exactly come cheap. Another man I know kept showering his fiancée with diamonds when he couldn't pay his gas bill. At least he wasn't mean – always terribly unattractive in a man. At this point I would advise males to start as they mean to go on. Don't take her to Le Caprice on the first date if the local pizza joint epitomises your budget more accurately. She'll expect Wilton's the second time round. Cut your cloth accordingly and stop reading trashy magazines that put all these silly ideas and expectations in your head in the first place!

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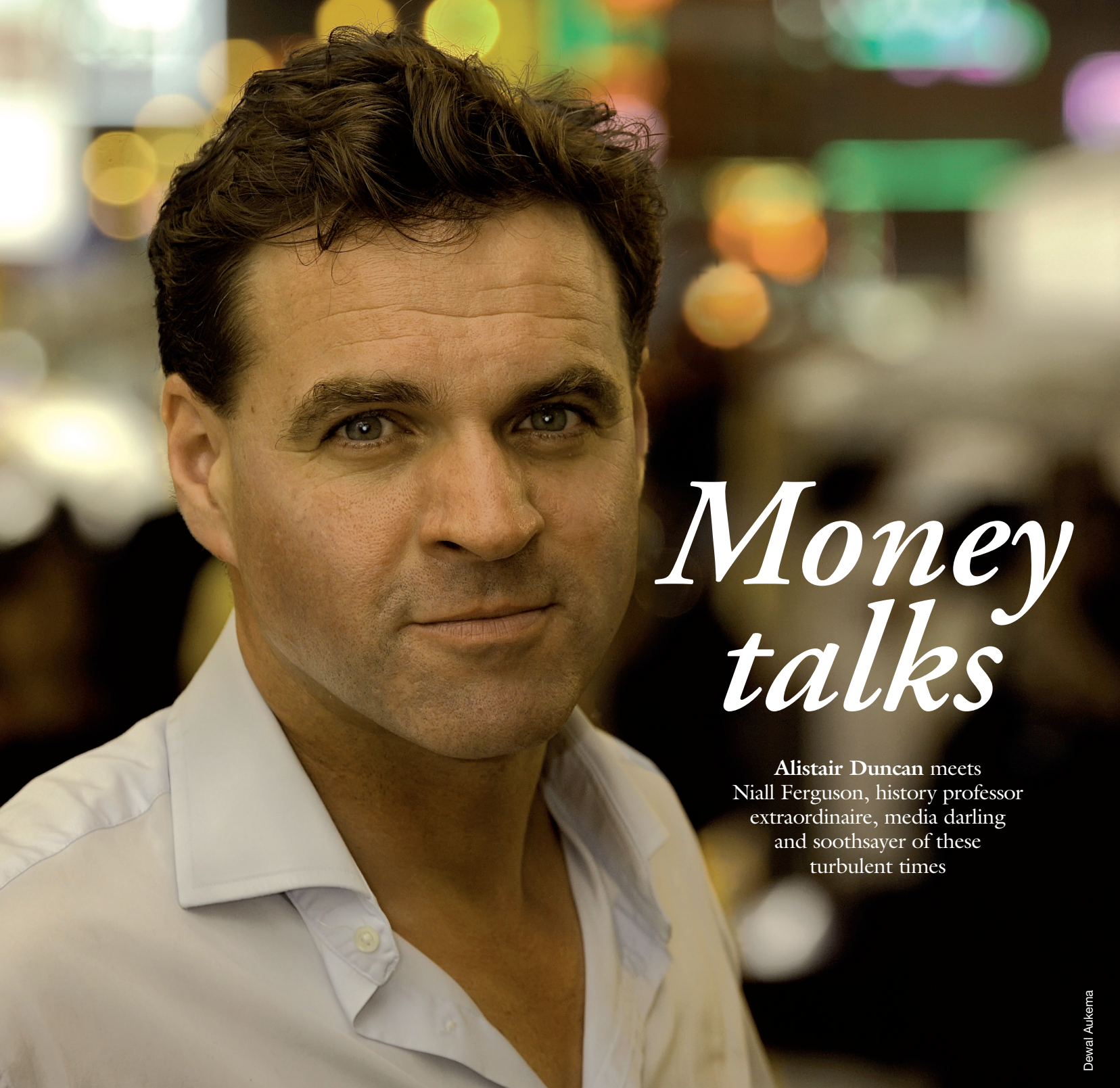
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Money talks

Alistair Duncan meets
Niall Ferguson, history professor
extraordinaire, media darling
and soothsayer of these
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Dewal Aukema

Beneath the shadow of the Bodleian library in Oxford, I meet Niall Ferguson, history professor at Harvard University, TV presenter and prophet of doom. Ferguson, who lives in a nearby Oxfordshire village, has recently enjoyed high viewing figures and brisk Christmas book sales of his latest historical double-hander, *The Ascent of Money*, a TV-series-cum-accompanying-book that maps the financial history of the world, culminating in the current economic quagmire we're in. The most impressive thing of all, as it turns out, though, is that the debonair, 44-year-old academic, who sits before me in a café

sipping a tomato juice, saw the storm clouds gathering two years ago.

"In 2006, I was doing a lot of speaking and writing about the possibility of a liquidity crisis, something that would suddenly hit the financial markets with massive force," says the Glasgow-born historian, arching his bushy eyebrows and stressing syllables strategically, like the seasoned lecturer he is. (Incidentally, he is on record saying this back then; I checked.) "It was really the lack of response to that argument that made me want to do *The Ascent of Money*. I was struck by the amount of complacency there was in the financial markets."

Ferguson's TV series and book came out last December, just at the moment when things really started to head south, as recession started frosting over the world's economies. He has the dubious honour of being a validated nostradamus of financial gloom, it would seem, although it should be said that much of *The Ascent of Money* is less to do with our current troubles than a broad-brushed history of global finance.

"Most people are still baffled by the magnitude of this," he says of the economic downturn. "I don't think that you can understand it other than historically. I wanted to write a book that would explain where this

system came from, that would explain the rise of what I call planet finance, the rise of this highly leveraged, highly complex financial system."

With his understanding of how economies have spluttered and collapsed over the centuries, I ask him what's the worst-case scenario for us? What is his current diagnosis?

He responds by saying that he doesn't believe another 1930s-style depression is on the cards – governments around the world are pouring so much liquidity into the system that such a cataclysm will probably be avoided – but that "growth is going to remain quite low for another four to five years because the Western economies have an enormous burden of debt which they have accumulated" and, even more cheerily, that "it is going to be nastier than anything anybody has experienced unless they are really quite old".

In person, Ferguson is impeccably suave: all woolly cardigan, open-necked shirt and boyish, good looks – he is disarmingly charming.

He speaks with a broad-vowelled, refined Scottish accent. His intellectual calibre is, of course, first class: after private education in Glasgow, Ferguson, the son of a doctor and teacher who raised their bright boy "to see education as the ultimate human activity", studied at Oxford, then Cambridge, before teaching at both. He says that his university years were spent flirting with drama, politics, journalism, jazz (he used to play the double bass), sex and drink ("not drugs, but I think that was just through a lack of time"), before he finally realised, in a moment of wonderful absurdity, that true fulfilment, for him, lay in a life of scholarly reflection.

"I was in a play, *Alice in Wonderland* in my second year, playing the caterpillar. I recall being in the Dean's garden in Christchurch, smoking a hooka on top of a giant toadstool. I suddenly said to myself: 'this is not what you should be doing'. You should be in the library, studying."

With all that erudition to his name, it should probably come as no surprise, but I discover Ferguson, who has penned over ten hefty, historical tomes, to be exquisitely articulately. After I transcribe my interview with him, I am amazed to find that all his sentences, well-written and punctilious in their phraseology as they are, read with exceptional clarity; normally, following an interview, you transcribe people's spoken words to find a spaghetti-like mess of unfinished sentences, repeated phrases and unintended contradictions. Not so with Professor Ferguson. No wonder Channel 4 came knocking for his eloquent presenting finesse.

Ferguson speaks passionately about the

need to understand economic history, but acknowledges that it's a less sexy subject than other historical disciplines, noting with some scorn that "we have endless courses in universities about gender history and queer history...perhaps this is all much more fun than understanding the bond market". He has devoted much of his academic career to building a bridge between history and economics, going back to his doctorate days, when he wrote a thesis on the hyperinflation of Germany's Weimar Republic. After that, came an award-winning history of the Rothschild banking dynasty and it was this, he says, that became the keystone of his subsequent glittering career.

"To this day, I remember the moment I was offered the opportunity to write the book.

Lord Weidenfeld [the publisher] entertained me at his wonderful flat right on the Thames, on Cheyne Walk. As an impressionable young Cambridge fellow, I'm sure that made an impression on me, that I was being

offered this opportunity in such palatial surroundings. It was the most important opportunity of my career."

By the time the Rothschild book came out, he was also an old hand at journalism. He had supplemented his "meagre stipend" as an academic by writing leaders for the *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail*. He wrote under a pseudonym normally – Alec Campbell and SS Gillespie were two of his favourite noms de plume – as he was concerned that being so clearly of a conservative outlook might harm his academic career. "Universities are skewed massively to the left," he says with a note of bitterness. "On both sides of the Atlantic, conservatives are a real minority."

He goes on to state, with professorial pedantry, that he considers himself "not an orthodox conservative, but more a liberal fundamentalist, of the 19th century, Gladstonian variety", which I take to mean that he has political leanings on both side of the left/right divide. Indeed, the Harvard academic acted as a foreign policy adviser to John McCain during the Republican nomination contest, but later swapped sides to cheer for Barack Obama, when he saw the poor economic team that McCain lined up.

"Obama very quickly assembled a very formidable group of people, some of whom I know personally,"

he explains. "It became obvious that temperamentally and intellectually, Obama was a superior candidate. And it was impossible not to be moved by this extraordinary sequence of events, the election of the first president of mixed race. At the time of his birth, unions like the one between his mother and father were still unconstitutional in the state of Virginia, which voted for Obama. That's an amazing turnaround in the space of the last 30 years."

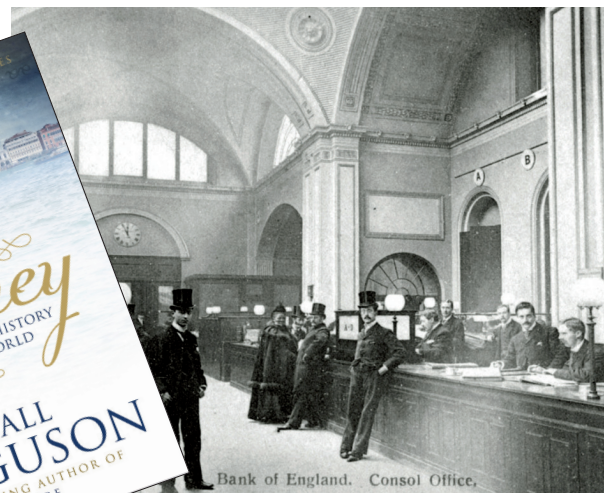
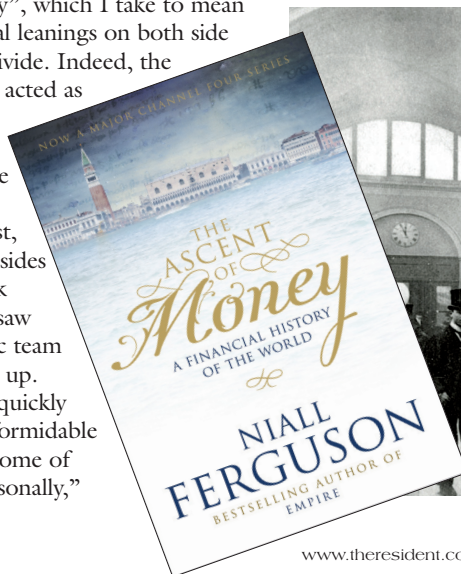
Ferguson is married to journalist Susan Douglas, a former editor of the *Sunday Express*, with whom he has three children. He met her in the late Eighties, while she was at the *Mail*. She used to edit his copy, but apparently now a clear divide is maintained between their two careers and Susan proudly boasts that she's never read any of his books.

"She has her career and I have mine and on some level we lead quite separate lives. I think that might be for the best, actually. Once you start dissecting the manuscripts at home, you're probably heading for disaster."

My conversation with the eminent historian, who is currently busy writing a book on banker Sigmund Walberg and Henry Kissinger, whom he describes as "phenomenally intelligent, one of the most interesting men I have ever met", ends on an unexpectedly candid note. As we talk about his transatlantic existence, constantly jetting between Harvard and Oxford, he makes a rather sad confession: "The last two years of my life have been characterized by an escalation of work and a relative neglect of the other things in my life, including my family," he says. "I love spending time with my children but I don't do enough of it. I'm going to try to recalibrate my life to get the balance better, because it's been so dreadful. I wish I could tell you that I was succeeding, but I think I'm probably not. I don't know, I wish I could tell a happier story on this subject."

He takes a deep breath and looks for the first time in our conversation rather forlorn. "Confessions of a workaholic, I suppose."

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Beyond the bump

Retailer Emily Evans has transformed her hugely successful maternity emporium into a boutique selling stylish fashion to Chelsea locals. **Lucy Pridden** wishes she lived round the corner

Emily Evans never tires of fashion, or more specifically, of running her eponymous boutique on Hollywood Road. Seven years ago, Evans returned from a trip to New York with the idea of opening a high-end maternity store in London. She recalls that pregnancy used to signal the end of your social life, as maternity ranges in the UK were so uninspiring.

9 London launched just in time to dress a new breed of high-profile expectant mothers including Liz Hurley and Tamara Mellon, who showed that it was possible to dress stylishly during pregnancy. Her reputation grew quickly and soon she was dressing the yummiest mummies in town.

Last year Evans noticed that things were changing. Many designers ceased to produce specific maternity ranges as regular fashion could easily be adapted to cover a bump. As the choice of maternity collections dwindled, Evans found her shelves and rails filling up with a selection of stylish, affordable and often unique labels. Clients who had long since had their babies continued to shop with her and people began to comment that while they loved her stock, they were embarrassed to shop in a maternity boutique. So 9 London moved downstairs and the ground floor was transformed into Emily Evans.

Many of Evans' clients are local, often dropping in after work or on the way to collect

the children to pick out something special to wear that evening. It is important to her that the prices remain reasonable and there is a ceiling of £300. The clothes are versatile and many still double up as maternity on the rails downstairs in 9 London. Being local is key to the boutique's success, Evans often buys with specific clients in mind and as most of the business is repeat they get to know their clients well and offer a very personal service.

Good service is high on Evans' list of priorities. It is rare to find sales assistants who love their jobs, but it is clear that Asa, the store manager, really enjoys hers. She is friendly and chatty and well informed about the regular and maternity ranges. A new shipment from Beckerman, a New York label they stock exclusively, had just arrived when I visited and the girls were like children in a sweet shop, pulling out their favourite pieces and gushing about what they sell. Their enthusiasm is infectious; I left with a fabulous Beckerman dress which is already a firm favourite.

9 London is still an important part of the business and Evans now sells a selection of children's clothes alongside the maternity collections. She stocks Rock and Republic maternity jeans exclusively and it is easy to see why they are their bestseller. Instead of a bump band, the waist is elasticated so the jeans grow with the pregnancy; they are very flattering.

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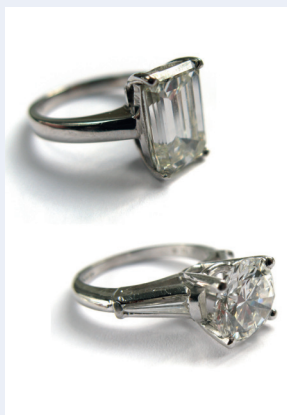
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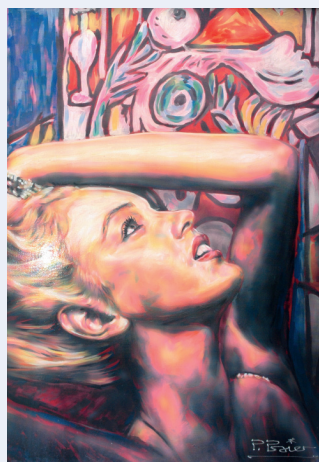
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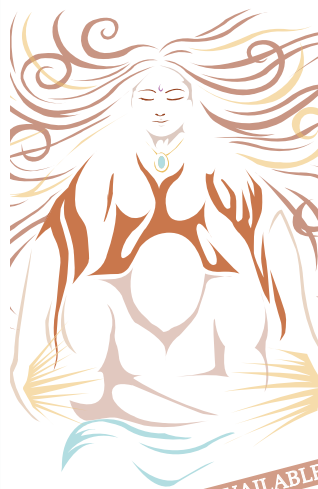
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For your free consultation or any enquiries call John Nolan on 020 8674 9094 or visit his website: www.swhypnotherapy.co.uk



In a recent interview **Julia** said, "I base all of my treatments on the philosophy that a person and their conditions are inseparable and must be regarded as one and treated as a whole." **Julia** gained much recognition nationally when featured in August 2006's *Tatler* for her bespoke Facial Rejuvenation. For more information and to book your treatment please call

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Sack the knife

'Non-surgical facelift' has become quite the buzzword these days, **Amanda Constance** tries to hold back the years without nasty knives

I was a little sceptical when I met massage therapist Caroline Gregson to try her fabled 'fingertip facelift' as I'm wary of treatments that make age-defying promises. But the gorgeous Gregson, who felt like a best friend within minutes, assured me she could knock years off my stressed countenance when we met at the new Neal's Yard store on the King's Road, an oasis of holistic calm, where Gregson works her magic.

Gregson explained that she uses a combination of massage and lymphatic drainage techniques for what is both a precise and very relaxing treatment because there are a high number of nerve receptors in the face. Her techniques loosens the tension in the facial connective tissues that cause wrinkles, drains toxins and leaves you looking years younger.

Gregson used only Neal's Yard products during the massage. First, my face was cleansed with hot flannels and a Wild Rose Beauty Balm made with organic rosehip seed oil. It's a fantastic do-it-all product which cleanses and moisturises. She then massaged my face using Orange Flower Facial Oil which I've since become addicted to. It's a blend of pure plant oils that contains magical ingredients such as

macademia seed oil, which is high in palmitoleic acid, an essential component of the skin as we age.

Gregson then applied a White Tea Enriching Facial Mask, a blend of fatty-acid-rich evening primrose, pumpkin and black currant seed oils with the powerful anti-oxidant properties of white tea to replenish and reduce fine lines. Whilst the face mask did its work, Gregson massaged my hands and feet and head using Geranium Orange Massage Oil. By now I was in la la land but I was dimly aware of the pitter patter of Gregson's fingertips on my face during the lymphatic drainage. The treatment was finished off with a Frankincense Hydrating Cream and after reluctantly coming to, I barely recognised the face in the mirror. The massage really had knocked years off my appearance. I looked younger, fresher and my jawline looked firmer.

A facial rejuvenance massage with Caroline Gregson

at Neal's Yard costs £70 for an hour. Resident readers will receive £50 off when they book a course of six treatments.

Contact Caroline Gregson on 07880 556466. Neal's Yard Remedies, 124b King's Road, SW3 4TR, 020 7225 2050. A new range of beauty day spa treatments will be launching this spring at the store.

I then moved on to something a little more high-tech at the Meditech Clinic on the King's Road. Newly opened, the clinic uses Beautytek, a body-sculpting technique available at a handful of Meditech Clinics in London.

Faye Fasan, the clinic manager and Beautytek therapist, used to work on the business side of the beauty industry but retrained as a Beautytek therapist because she really believes this treatment delivers results.

I laid back whilst Fasan explained how the Beautytek machine works. In essence, Beautytek combines the principles of Chinese medicine with cutting-edge technology to kickstart your metabolism, stimulating cells to regenerate and repair. It does this by using a combination of micro-current energy and an ability to detect cells that are not functioning properly. It is a safe and painless alternative to surgical body shaping. It is simply done using a hand-held probe and some special electrolytic gel on the area of treatment. This can be your stomach, bottom, breasts or face, as in my case. The probe then sends data back to the machine which 'reads' how active your cells are and at certain points, similar to those used in acupuncture, a transfer of energy will activate the cells. It might all sound a bit Dr Who, sometimes it felt a little like that too, as my upper lip tingled and lights flashed in front of my eyes. Fasan will chart your progress with the treatment using before and after shots with a digital camera. Each treatment takes between 30 minutes to an hour and a course of treatment is recommended. After my hour my jaw line definitely looked tighter and I'm sure that if I had done a full course, Beautytek would have worked for me.

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High Maintenance

by Isabel Dexter



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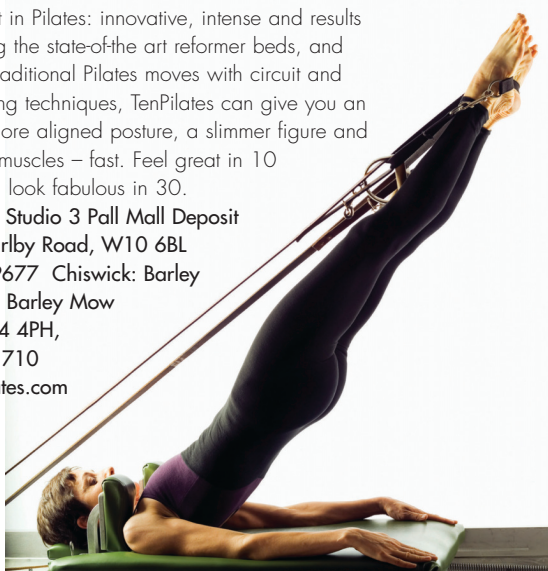
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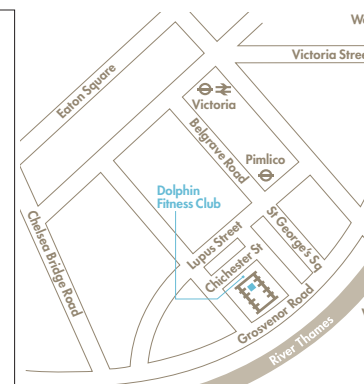
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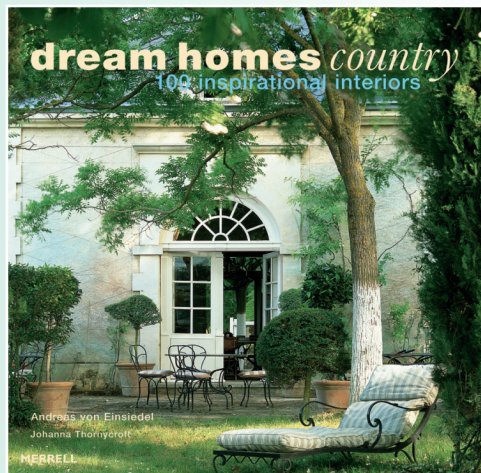
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BOOK REVIEW

For those of us in need of a little escapism in the depths of winter, there is a new book out, called *Dream Homes Country* (Merrell), written by Johanna Thornycroft and with glorious photographs by Andreas von Einsiedel (£29.95). Featuring 100 inspirational country homes, from an oast house in Kent to a Gothic castle in Belgium, from rustic dwellings in Provence to a rural beach house in St Lucia, the book explores a multitude of different country styles, but all of them distilling a sense of rustic charm and beauty, reminiscent of a slow, gentle pace of life. **Dream Homes Country is available to Resident Readers for £26.95 inc. P&P (RRP £29.95) by telephoning Marston Book Services on 01235 465 500 and quoting the reference MERDHTR.**



Interiors

by Judith Wilson

GET ON THE WEB AND CHECK OUT...

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...with **Martin Brudnizki**

Interview by **Judith Wilson**

For interior designer Martin Brudnizki and his Chelsea-based design practice, Martin Brudnizki Design Studio, last year was a whirlwind. “It was manic – I just didn’t stop!” he says. Yet put it to him that he’s riding the crest of a wave, and he very modestly corrects. “I’d prefer not to think I’m at the peak – hopefully it is just the beginning,” he says. Why was it such a great year? “It’s partly because we finished off nine projects in the space of four months,”

Brudnizki says, though this was the culmination of two and a half years’ work. More importantly, for his design of the St Pancras Grand restaurant, he was awarded the 2008

Restaurant Designer of the Year by the Evening Standard Restaurant Review, as well as being runner up, for his design of Scott’s restaurant, for Best New Restaurant at the Wallpaper Design Awards 2008.

As a designer, Martin Brudnizki offers the perfect package: he is charming to talk to, deeply efficient, and designs beautifully and consistently elegant interiors. From a client’s perspective, he is also accessible: “Martin believes strongly in giving clients the utmost person attention,” proclaims his website, and this is clearly correct. With such high-spec and deeply glamorous designs, it is no surprise Brudnizki has become the darling of the restaurant world: in 2008 alone, he completed the interiors for J Sheekey’s Oyster Bar, Corrigan’s Mayfair, The Club at The Ivy and Jamie’s Italian. Yet whilst every interior bears his hallmark – glamour and comfort – he never turns out the same look twice. At The Club at The Ivy, opened last September, there’s a mix of oak timber and traditional 1930s detailing, combined with a modern sushi bar and terrace,

while Corrigan’s, opened in November, features blue leather upholstery, an elm burr bar and feather-trimmed lampshades.

Right now, Brudnizki says that his work is 80 per cent commercial, 20 per cent residential, but the balance fluctuates. He has just finished an 11,000sqft house in Putney, and is working on another high-spec house in Germany.

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Because he works at the luxury end of the market, his clients must be well-heeled to ensure that he can deliver the deluxe look MBDS executes so well. Brudnizki is concerned with the entire package: clients will find him as keen to mastermind bespoke

furniture as to perfect every last architectural detail. “I like to call my style minimalism deluxe,” he says. By minimalism, he means not the stark emptiness of the 1990s, but the “precision of details of space and design”. By deluxe, he means using the best quality materials and furnishings.

Martin originally hails from Sweden, but first came to England in 1990, to study Interior Architecture and Design at The American University. He has since settled in London, and set up MBDS, back in 2000. He lives in Parsons Green, and has offices in Lots Road, with a team of 27 architects, designers and furniture designers. Does he like being based in Chelsea? He laughs. “It’s the epicentre of the universe!” Yet from this base, he works globally. “It has been a natural progression to start in London,” he says. “But it’s easy to over saturate yourself in just one city, so going international was the next step.” This year, he’s hard at work on Le Caprice at the Pierre in New York, which will be monochrome with a flash of Art Deco, and

Cecconi’s, in West Hollywood/LA, which will feature sparkling white marble. There are also projects in Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, and – closer to home – The Rib Room in the Carlton Towers Hotel, Sloane Street, and Recipeas, a retail concept for Jamie Oliver.

Does he work like a demon? Brudnizki laughs. “I’m very efficient with my time – and I’m a bit of a control freak!” he says. He travels a great deal, so has a design co-ordinator, and personally keeps firm tabs on every commission. Asked to name the recent project of which he is most proud, he cites The Club at The Ivy. “I’m very happy with every commission we finished last year, but I’m most happy with The Club – there is not a corner there that is not right,” he says. And there, we think, speaks a true perfectionist.

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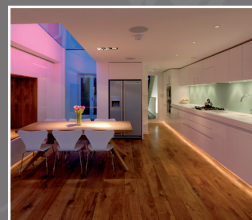
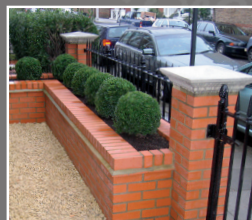
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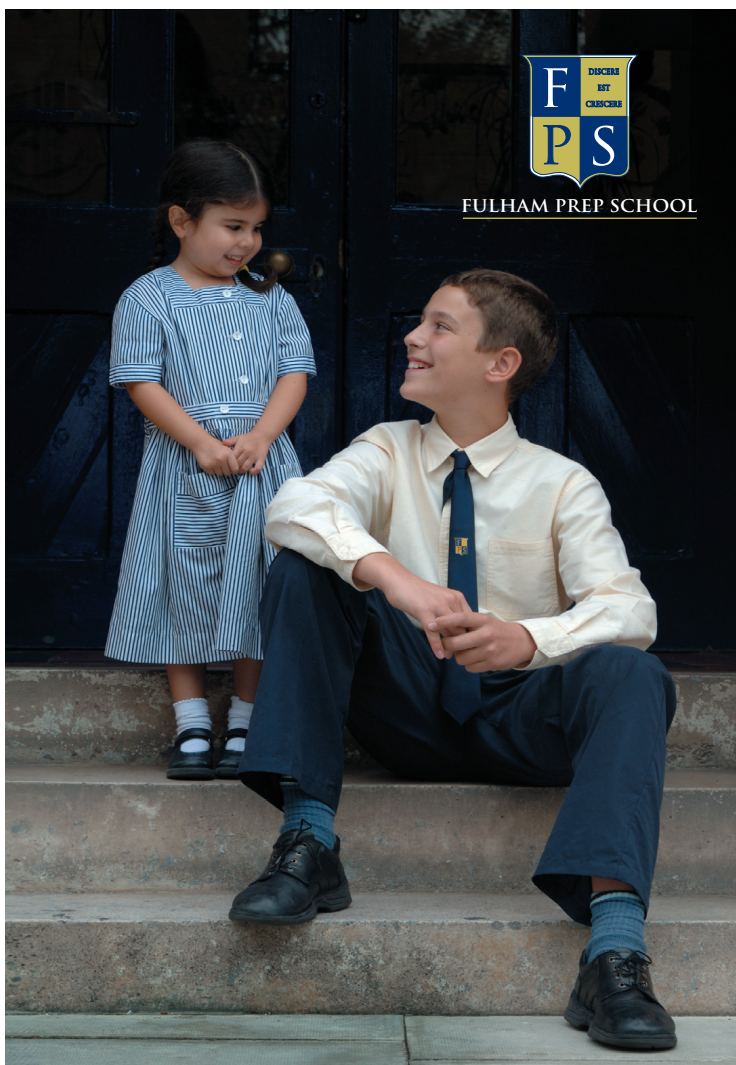
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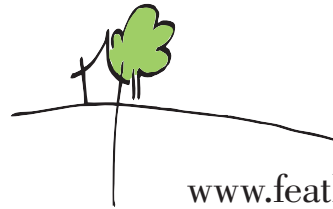
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Liming on the Isle of Spice

Beatrix Clark and her family visited Grenada for a Caribbean Christmas break and they soon got in the swing of taking it easy on this unspoilt island

“Oh Layo Lay, Oh Layo Lay, Feelin’ Hot, Hot, Hot.” The steel band is playing, the rum punch is flowing, the kids are splashing happily in the Caribbean surf and the catch of the day is sizzling on the barbeque. We arrived in Grenada less than 24 hours ago and in spite of the journey and jet-lag we’re feeling instantly chilled.

This is a place known for its spices and warm-hearted people, one of whom, “Dexter de main mon,” has been trying to flog me a necklace all morning. It’s one of the most unspoilt of the Caribbean islands and in the past few years has worked hard to repair the damage inflicted in 2004 by Hurricane Ivan, the first hurricane here for 50 years. Quality tourism is now on the up.

We spend the first few days hanging out, or ‘liming’ as it’s known in these parts, on the two beaches close to our apartment – the two-mile long Grand Anse, which despite its handful of resorts, restaurants and cruise ship visitors is still peaceful, and the more secluded, great for swimming Morne Rouge, where 11-year-old Jess and eight-year-old Ollie gather shells, hunt for crabs and test out the kayaks kindly provided by our English landlady.

As you might expect from the Caribbean, these beaches are the real deal, with palm fringed, soft golden sand and warm, tropical water. Walking back the length of Grand Anse in late afternoon with gentle waves lapping round my ankles and the air a perfect temperature, I feel I could stay here forever.

My favourite beach is La Sagesse, a tranquil spot on the edge of a nature reserve with no cruise ships or anyone trying to sell us stuff and virtually no people. When we arrive a group of fishermen are dragging in their nets, one of which, to Ollie’s amazement and his sister’s horror, contains a small baby shark. (Its mum and dad, we’re reliably informed, are harmless and way out to sea somewhere). There’s a great seafood restaurant and 12-room hotel here, and three glasses of Sauvignon Blanc later I’m busy planning when my husband Mike and I can return for a romantic break.

Grenada is by no means just about beaches. The interior is wonderfully lush – when it rains it rains madly, especially from

Forget Green and Black’s, Grenada’s award-winning dark chocolate made with organic cocoa beans tastes sublime

June to December – and our townie children are fascinated to find oranges, bananas, papaya and coconuts growing by the roadside, along with nutmeg, sugar cane and a host of edible things we’ve never heard of.

An island tour is a must. Ours, courtesy of the Tourist Board, takes us past brightly painted houses, gushing rivers and a mind-boggling variety of vegetation. Our first destination is a spice processing plantation and River Antoine, the Caribbean’s oldest rum distillery, which is still powered by the water wheel it used 200 years ago. At 75 per cent alcohol the end product, if you can bear to drink it, is interesting to say the least.

We drive through the island’s protected rainforest with, at its centre, a scenic volcanic crater lake, then for the highlight – Belmont Estate, which produces the organic cocoa beans used to make Grenada’s award-winning dark chocolate. Forget Green and Black’s, this tastes sublime and after sampling far more than we’re supposed to we redeem ourselves



Mike Clark



Pictures from left: Grenadian ladies, organic Grenada chocolate, spices on sale at St George's market, and a monkey in the rainforest



by buying six bars. (You're no longer allowed into the chocolate factory itself as visitors apparently interfere with the process).

A few days later it's back to the rainforest for a hike to one of Grenada's beauty spots, the Seven Sisters Waterfall. After a quick pause to feed a monkey that's appeared from nowhere and photograph a couple of local ladies with huge baskets of fruit on their heads, we meet our guide. At 69, Telfour Bedeau walks 20 miles a day, has rowed twice around the island in a boat he built himself and, unsurprisingly, is known as 'the Indiana Jones of Grenada'. Armed with his cutlass he leads us down the sometimes steep and slippery path. We hear the waterfall first then we see it, cascading down the rocks into an emerald pool like a set from a Tarzan film, and feeling rather Tarzan-like ourselves, we plunge in for a refreshing dip.

Next morning, after a fantastic, feet-in-the-sand fish dinner at Coconut Beach Restaurant, (nutmeg ice-cream is my new favourite dessert), we find ourselves on a boat bound for the neighbouring island of Carriacou. It's a bucking bronco of a ride, with me clinging on for dear life, my hair looking mental and the kids grinning from ear-to-ear – until they stop grinning and turn slightly green. Thankfully, once on land, health and hair are quickly

restored to normal. Carriacou is just 13 square miles and the pace of life is slow. Driving along its rough roads, past goats and barefoot children, we admire panoramic views and stop to chat to an aged boat builder; boat-building is the main activity here and this guy's clearly been working on his for sometime. After lunch we hit the aptly named Paradise Beach, where the sand is white and the water turquoise – our only regret is that we can't stay longer as the 3.30pm ferry beckons.

Grenada isn't known for its shopping but keen to check out the possibilities anyway we head for the capital, St George's, on market day. It's colourful and vibrant, pulsating with local life and loud reggae music – the vibe, complete with an aroma that definitely isn't cinnamon, is more Notting Hill Carnival than local spice market. Once we've stocked up on provisions we opt for a long lunch at BB's Crabback overlooking the marina. Chef/owner Brian Benjamin once owned a restaurant in Ealing and serves us the best local food we've eaten anywhere, along with a generous dose of Grenadian hospitality – we even get to sign the walls.

Everywhere we go the locals display a similar warmth. Mike, our driver, brings us sugar cane from his garden and regales us with

tales of his Granny Alice, who lived till 110 on a diet of mainly fatty pork, homemade rum and tobacco. (Her old man, sadly, only made it to 97.) There's the schoolteacher, Hercules, who invites us home to meet his sons Hercules 2 and Ronnie, Joseph from the Coyaba Resort who introduces Ollie to his first game of cricket, and Roger from the Tourist Board who's a mine of useful information.

Rarely have I found a place and its people so relaxing. One of my favourite things about this island is the lack of mass tourism – not a Starbucks in sight – and as I pop down to Morne Rouge Bay for a last, solitary swim I'm willing it to stay that way. "Y'all must come back to Grenada sometime," are Mike the driver's parting words. Y'all can count on it.

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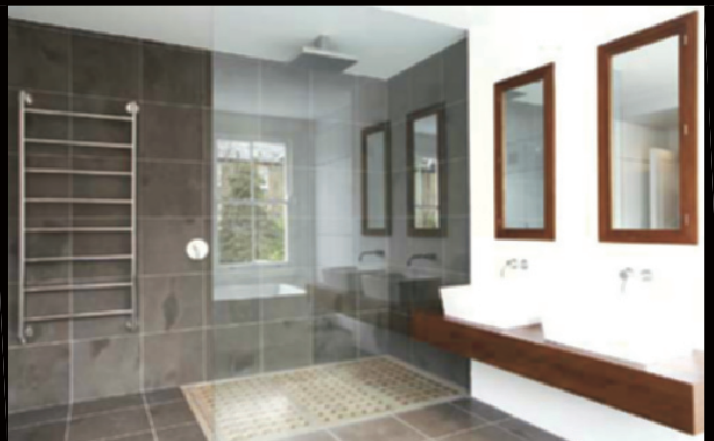
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There is nothing better than the crunch of a small crystal of sea salt

health. Contrary to belief, the body is able to adjust itself to the amount of salt the average person consumes as the kidneys will naturally dispose of any unwanted salt for us and if the body requires a bit more liquid, it simply makes us thirsty.

But what are the benefits of adding salt to our food? For thousands and thousands of years, salt has acted as a preservative with the added bonus of making the food taste better. It is used in food today as a flavour enhancer which, in the correct quantities, can completely transform the taste of bland foods (ever tried completely unsalted bread? I don't recommend it).

Salt also acts as a binding agent and colour preservative in processed meats such as ham and bacon. It is widely used in cheese preparation, often hard cheeses are washed in brine to firm up the rinds, and it helps the process of fermentation in baked goods by inhibiting the growth of bacteria and yeast.

It's no secret that chefs love salt. Chefs also tend to have quite a high salt intake, as they are constantly tasting and seasoning and adjusting and re-tasting food all day every day (at least the good ones are anyway). But there are a number of alternatives to using salt as your flavour enhancer of choice. Lemon juice or vinegar can both be used to pep up bland, simple flavours by bringing out the acidity and adding zing. Used in small amounts, sugar can also increase the flavour of ingredients, especially when pan-frying foods such as vegetables. And herbs and spices can be used in moderation to add taste without changing the flavour of the main ingredient too much. A bunch of fresh basil added to a rich meat sauce for example has the same effect as seasoning it with salt.

For me, however, there is nothing better than the crunch of a small crystal of sea salt on top of your steak or fish. My salt of preference is Fleur de sel de Guerande, this beautiful crystal sea salt is hand harvested off the coast of Brittany in the salt marshes. It is amazingly white in colour and the salt taste is mild and pleasant, a lot less harsh than standard table salt. I have tried salt from all over the world including smoked salt from Halen Mon in Wales, Himalayan pink salt, Kala Namak black salt mined in India, a Murray river salt from Australia and, of course, our very own Malden sea salt which is one of the best on the market.

So good old sodium chloride is both essential and enjoyable, and while we should be careful to moderate our intake, those threatening headlines can be taken with a pinch of salt...

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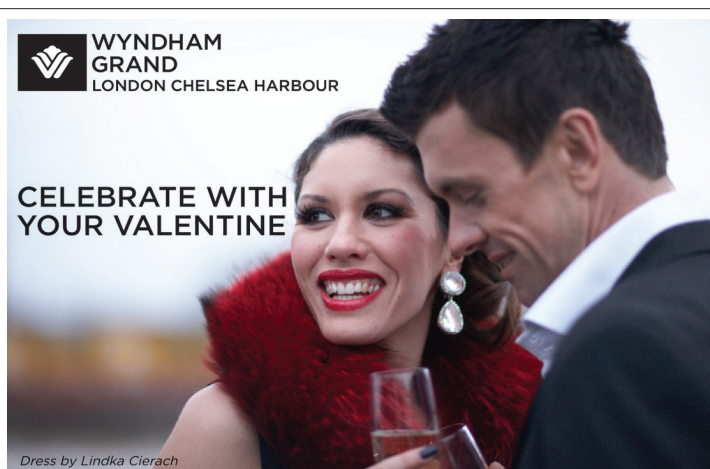
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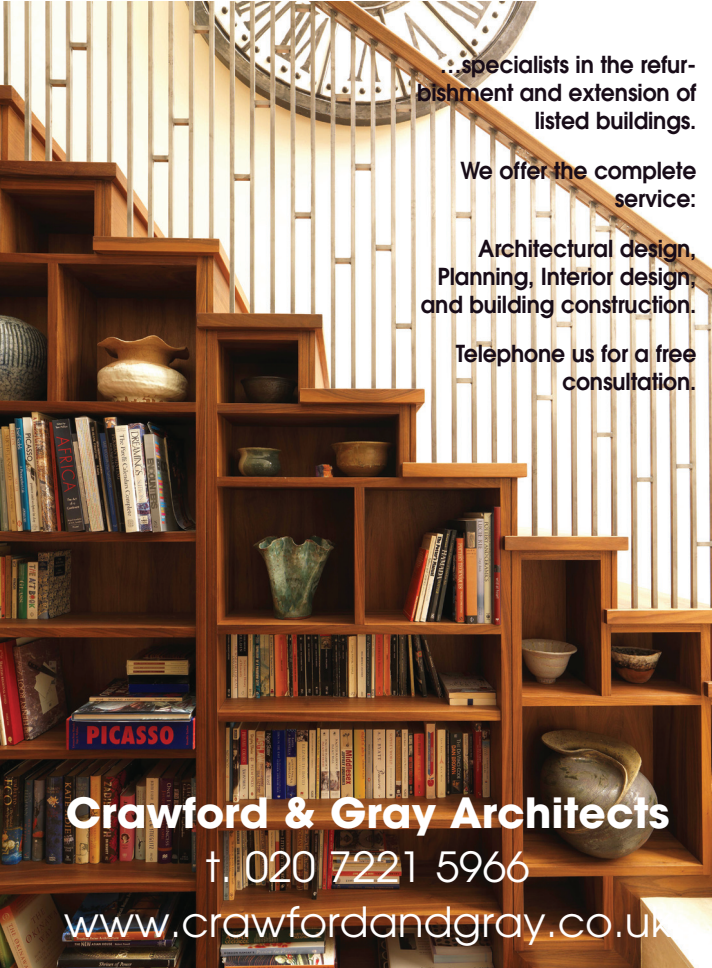
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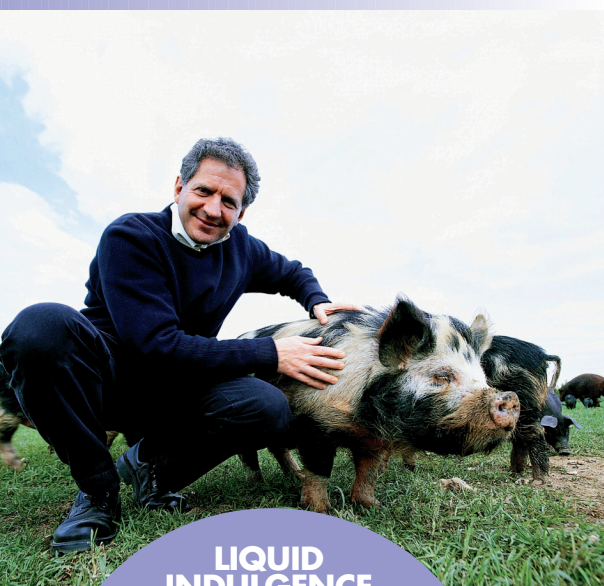
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table talk

by Annica Wainwright, an editor at *Square Meal*

SO AT HOME

Design wiz David Collins has been at it again. His latest creation, Bob Bob Ricard in Soho's Golden Square, is a quirky all-day restaurant and bar, run by the former manager at The Ivy. Inspired by Edwardian architecture, guests sit at booth-style tables with individual lighting controls and a button with which to summon the Champagne trolley. Its British menu encourages family-style dining with pies and roasts to share, while toasters on each table make breakfasts a homely affair. **Bob Bob Ricard, 1 Upper James Street, W1F 9DF, 020 3145 1000**



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Soho has a great new Italian in Bocca di Lupo, which showcases the country's regional cuisine on a menu that cleverly offers most dishes in both large and small portions. Hence, you can choose to have a traditional two, three or four-course meal or graze over a wide range of tapas-sized plates. Naturally, we went for the latter option, munching our way through as many of the dishes as we possibly could – and we wouldn't have wanted to miss out on any of them.

We started with a glass of prosecco at the long marble bar by the entrance, which would also make a great place to eat if you were on your own or after a quicker, more casual dining experience (the kitchen opens at 5pm so this is one to keep in mind for pre-theatre).

The meal itself began in Venice with *fritto di mare*, a plate of crisp-fried prawns, squid and soft-shelled crab served with thin slices of deep-fried lemon that added fresh, citrusy tang without spoiling the crisp batter of the seafood. We then headed for Umbria and a shaved radish, celeriac and pecorino salad with pomegranate and truffle oil, in which the celeriac had been sliced so thinly that both its texture and (dressing-induced) flavour was almost identical to that of freshly shaved white truffles. At £4, it may have been the cheapest dish on the menu, but it was also the most indulgent. Absolutely delicious.

We also enjoyed ricotta tortelli with burnt walnut pesto from Puglia, Ligurian-style grilled scallops with gremolata and a rustic pork and foie gras sausage from Trenito, before finishing in Sicily with burnt-almond granite and bitter chocolate sorbet. All in all, it was a great journey around the famously foodie Italy, accompanied by excellent by-the-glass wine selections. We'll definitely be back!



VEERASWAMY
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A few months ago, we reviewed Chutney Mary, following a long-overdue return visit that also reminded us we'd never actually visited the same group's longest-established restaurant. Veeraswamy, accessed through Mayfair's Swallow Street, may be London's oldest Indian but the makeover it went through a couple of years back brought the restaurant bang up-to-date. Now decorated with colourful silks it is one of the most beautiful dining rooms in the capital.

We sat at one of the arched windows overlooking Swallow Street on the eve of last year's first snowfall and the contrast between the exotic interiors and the near blizzard-like conditions outside felt almost magical. And that's a word that could also be used to describe the food.

We've always been great fans of Chutney Mary but the kitchen here does seem to have the edge. It is certainly better than that of the much younger sibling Amaya in Knightsbridge which always seems to be more about the 'scene' than the food.

So what makes it so good? We'd say it's the perfect balance between traditional flavour combinations and modern execution that produces the stunning likes of coriander-marinated, tandoor-grilled king prawns, served with a squeeze of vibrant lime juice to make for one of the best starters available in London today. It really doesn't matter what you have after that (everything we tried proved equally delicious) but take advice from the friendly staff and they may also suggest fish in banana leaf and a fluffy biryani.

All you have to ensure is that there's enough bread to mop up every last drop of the delicious sauce. Trust us: you won't want to leave even a smudge.



GALVIN BISTROT DE LUXE
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When reviewing a restaurant with which one associates happy memories, it is difficult to detach these warm fuzzy feelings from the bare bones of the food and service. Is it such a fantastic place after all, or is it the rose-tinted glasses (or indeed, rosé-filled glasses)? Celebrating my engagement at Galvin Bistrot de Luxe it might be argued that they could have fed me pig swill and I would have raved about such was my buoyant mood.

Galvins is only for those willing to roll up their sleeves and unleash their inner carnivore, no apologies are made for the wholeheartedly meaty menu, from the steak tartare to the roast veal brains. Sweetbreads, foie gras and a whole woodland of gamey delights also adorn the menu, vegetarians avert your gaze now.

A welcome distraction from the demolition of the bottomless bread basket, our entrees arrived – a pressed terrine of duck confit and potato, served with a red onion marmalade and a glistening beer-mat sized disc of foie gras with a salad of leeks and hazelnuts.

We continued our gluttonous feast with daube of Denham estate venison, quince, chestnuts and celeriac puree. The dark, dark hunks of meat fell with ease into the caramelised apple and celeriac below, only to be coated in the glistening, black, treacly liquor. It tasted of roaring log fires, Aga cooking and deep winter comfort. The Landaise chicken, baby leeks, shallots and hazelnut vinaigrette – an altogether lighter affair – was a proper on-the-bone cut, with a peppery, wasabi crust and a winning combination of supporting flavours.

The blackberry soufflé was the only sour note, the intense purple colour did not equate to the hit of hedgerow-sweet flavour one would expect. A shame as it was a vertiginous feat of culinary achievement. The warm chocolate mousse however, a long-established favourite, ended the meal on a sugar high.

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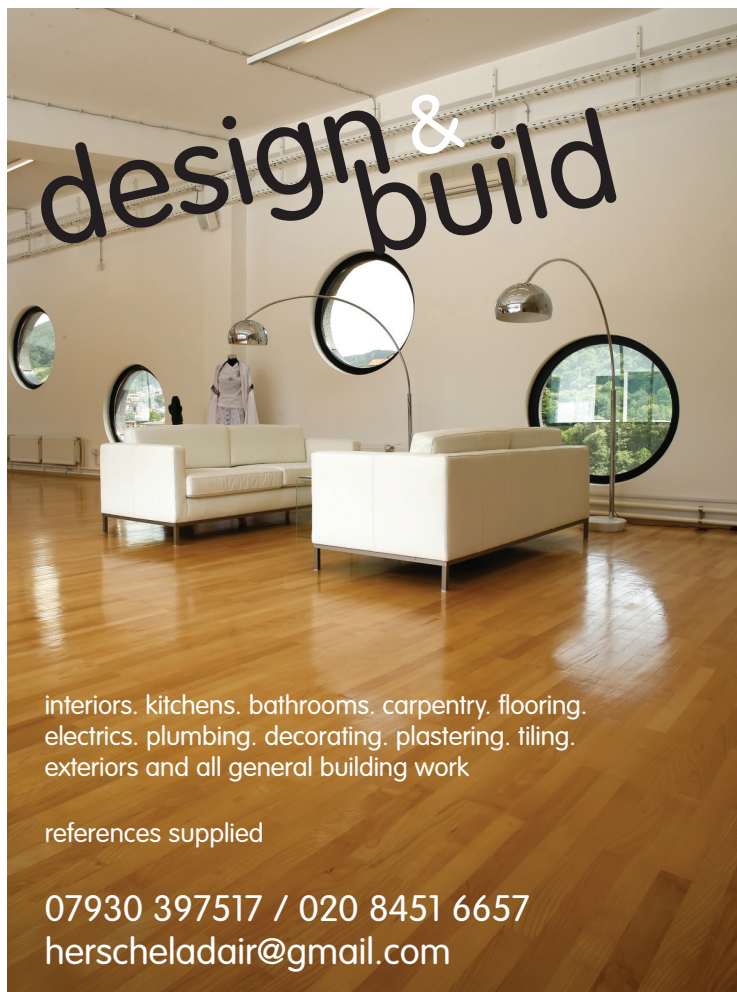
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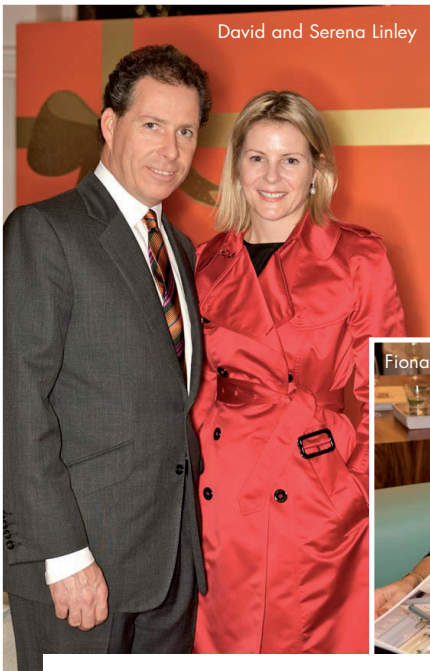
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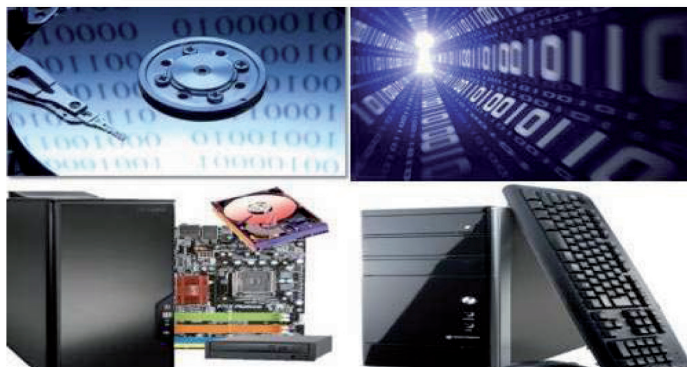


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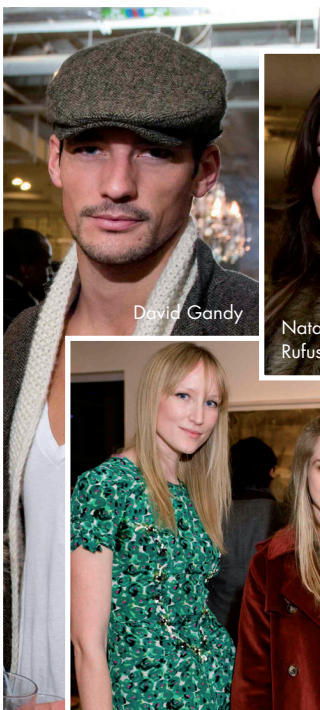


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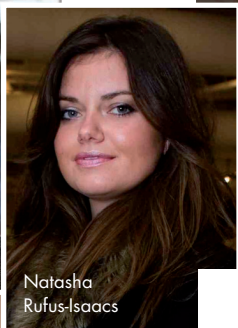
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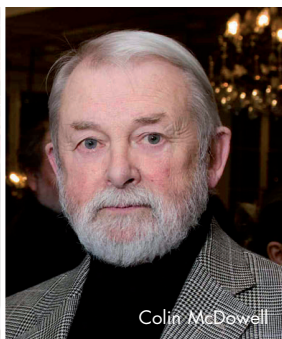
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A Christmas party, to celebrate the second issue of Colin McDowell's fashion magazine Distill, was held at The Shop at Bluebird. Merriment was made as guests mingled amongst the rails, Belvedere Vodka cocktail in hand – all eyes were on beau of the ball David Gandy



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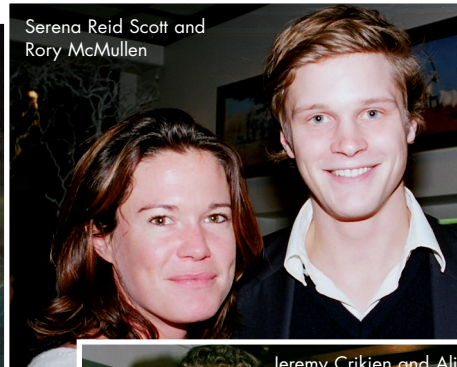
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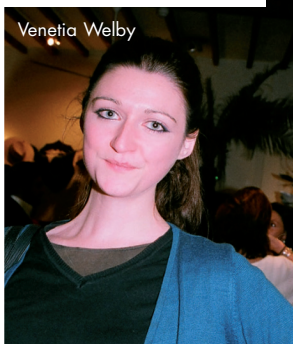
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pursuits, and horse riding is the most elegant accomplishment one can have. People are realizing that nothing compares with the thrill of being at one with a noble animal together in the outdoors, whatever the weather. In fact riding in foul weather is surprisingly popular, the wind and lashing rain seem to bring out Dick Turpin tendencies, and also children do love puddles!

There is no doubt that riding is excellent for toning the muscles and oxygenating the blood. Many a brain-weary businessman feels invigorated for the day ahead having first had a gentle canter in the mellow morning mist, and indeed any other person who might have overindulged in drink and decadence the night before feels cleared and cleansed after an hour of horsemanship. A hundred years ago these were known as the "liver-shaking brigade", those high-living gentlemen who, for the sake of their health and to counteract the ravages of dissipation due to the previous nights excesses, would take their exercise, breathing deeply in the fresh air. No doubt their circulation benefited greatly, enabling

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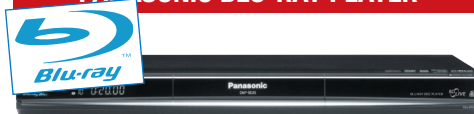
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The last book you read?

The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid (right).

Name your three desert island essentials

My Blackberry, a bottle of rum and my sunglasses.

What would you rescue if your house was on fire?

A first edition book by Arthur Conan Doyle and sentimental items like photographs.

Where would you live if money was no object?

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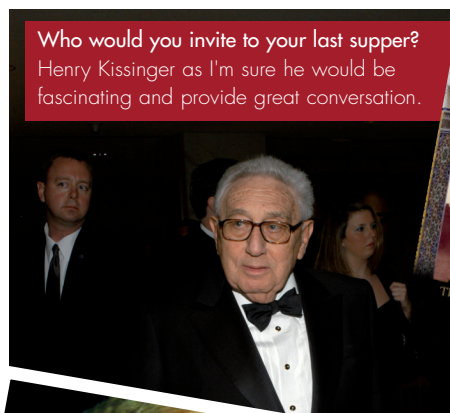
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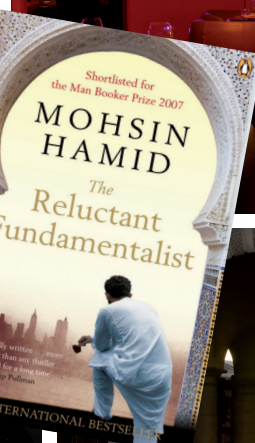
Henry Kissinger as I'm sure he would be fascinating and provide great conversation.



The last film you saw?

Vicky Cristina Barcelona directed by Woody Allen.

Matt Hermer with his girlfriend Marissa Anshutz

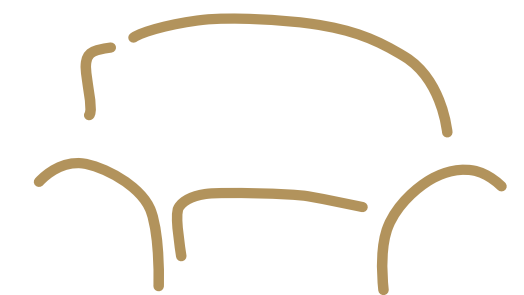


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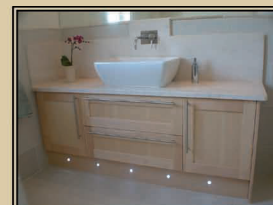


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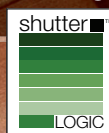
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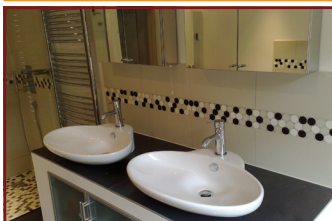


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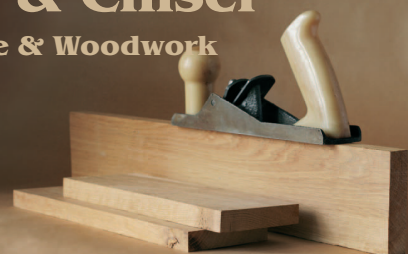
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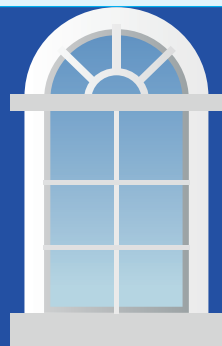
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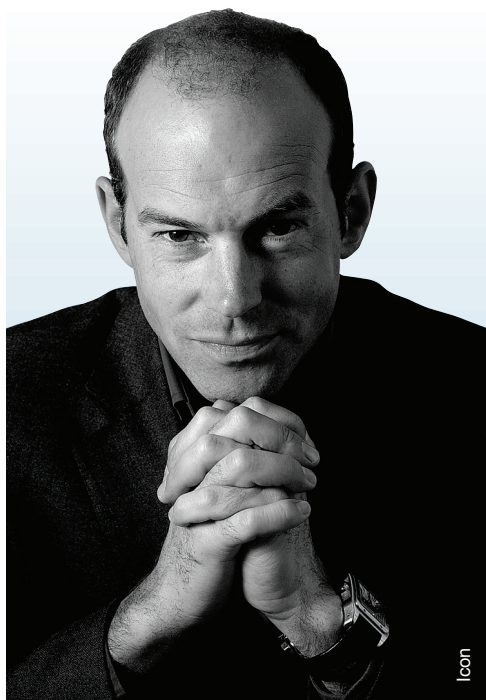
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Size matters

Square footage is the new barometer as to the 'size' of one's home, says **Phil Spencer**

Not that long ago, the size of a house was defined by the number of bedrooms it had: eight bedrooms = big house, one bedroom = small house. Now though, it's all about the square footage of a property. Blame all those foreign buyers, who have been busily buying up the smartest addresses in central London and are used to thinking in terms of square feet rather than following the good old British tradition of counting the number of bedrooms. The square footage of a property is now one of the first questions asked by prospective buyers and the price per square foot is a measurement that we all pay attention to (even if, in truth, we don't really understand it). But are we setting too much

store by size? Estate agents commission floor plans from specialist floor-plan companies, of which there are loads nowadays, but the results vary in both quality and diligence – which could vastly affect the value of the house you live in, and the price of the house you might want to buy.

Take my own home, a semi-detached late-Victorian house in south west London. As a test, I commissioned three floor-plan firms used by local estate agents to measure it. It is not an especially complicated property, so there aren't any of those nooks and crannies, odd-shaped rooms or other peculiarities that might be expected to lead to discrepancies. Yet all three came up with varying estimates of how large it

was. The difference between the biggest and smallest was 100 sq ft – the equivalent of a small room – or about four per cent of the total square footage. Given that houses in the street have been selling at about £700 per square foot, that would mean a difference of £70,000.

The discrepancy, it transpired, was due to the companies' differing policies on whether or not to include a walk-in wardrobe, a utility room or 'dead space'. If I were selling, I would have wanted them both included, but since I can't sit or sleep in either, their value is limited. In fact, the difference was quite modest. As a buying agent, I have seen a variance of as much as 10 per cent for a property in the

brochures of different estate agents.

A particularly blatant example involved a riverside penthouse flat I was shown last year, that was claimed in the sales particulars to measure 3,100sqft. Which was odd, since when I checked the developer's plans from when it was built in 2000, it was only 2,800sqft. As it was an apartment in a new development there was no way that any new space could have been created in that time.

When challenged, the floor-plan company said it was their policy to include void areas. The flat had double-height ceilings with mezzanine levels and open areas to the side of staircases, which had been included in the square footage – as had a storage room deep

down in the underground car park! Given that the flat was priced at £1,000 per sq ft, this made a difference of £300,000.

Even today's high-tech measuring devices leave room for 'user error' and despite the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyor's code of measuring practice, without stricter industry regulation, mistakes are made, which some people unwittingly pay for. This is a ridiculous state of affairs. Measurements are not subjective – they should be a statement of fact.

The solution would be for everyone to agree what is being measured: external, gross internal or net internal? Some firms may include boot rooms, wine cellars, roof terraces, hallways, staircases, storage facilities or even out-buildings in the overall total living space. Others may measure deep into eaves, fitted wardrobes or alcoves. And even when the methodology is clear, how many buyers check how accurately the plans have been measured? Not too many would be my guess.

In the tougher climate of today, it is worth asking if 'dead areas' have been included in the square footage. If the property is on with a number of agents, then check the details from each for any discrepancies.

But whilst of course it is important to know how big a property is – let's not become too obsessed with this one fact. Quite apart from the accuracy problem, there is so much more to the value of a property – location, condition, character, layout, aspect, privacy, land. And as every female will tell you, it's not the size that matters, it's what you do with it that counts...

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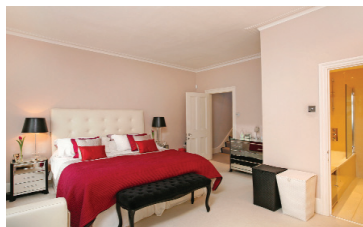


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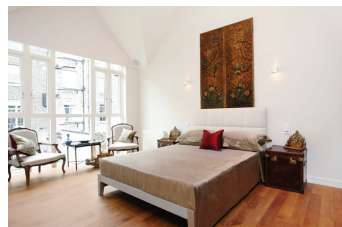


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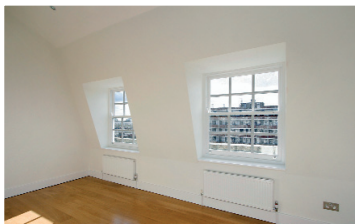


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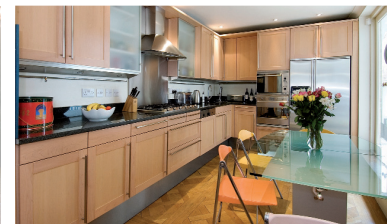
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Agent speaks:

**Andrew Chard,
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As founder of an eponymous estate agency, the inevitable, interminable question I found myself hearing at Christmas parties with friends and less-visited relatives was, “what’s going on with London house prices?”

Quite simply, property is still selling, not in any great quantity though, and mostly at 20-40 per cent below peak 2007 prices. Where vendors have come to terms with this new reality there are buyers. Many of them are very shrewd property professionals, too – developers, landlord investors and overseas buyers (mainly European) taking advantage of sterling’s sharp fall in value. I’m quietly reassured by this, with December 2008 being one of the busiest month in terms of sales agreed all year, there’s a feeling that prices are at or very near their nadir.

Many vendors, however, are prepared to sit and wait. Some hoping for prices to improve (often contributing to the ranks of reluctant landlords in the belief that they are only one tenancy away from the recovery) and others at least partly due to the high fixed costs of moving.

During the last property recession in the early Nineties it was the three D’s – death, divorce and debt that pre-empted sales. With interest rates at amazingly attractive rates (for those with tracker mortgages at least), we’re not seeing many homeowners “having” to sell and move at the moment, despite the mess in the wider economy. There’s no denying that we have seen some forced sales, generally where people have lost City jobs, yet countering this, we’re still having the occasional bun-fight between buyers looking to snap up property at the right price.

So from an estate agent’s perspective at least, the main problem with the property market (with consequent wider effects to the whole economy) is this lack of turnover. The suspension of stamp duty below £250,000 has almost no affect on the South Kensington and Chelsea

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market. A 12-month suspension of duty payable below £500,000 and a 50 per cent reduction in the higher rates of Stamp Duty would encourage people to trade up, down, sideways, and into the property market and go some way to resolving today’s impasse. We shall have to wait and see what our political masters decide on this issue.

In the lettings market, corporate bling has given way to prudence and thrift. That’s not to say that there isn’t still demand in higher price ranges, but as an illustration, in December 2008 Chard let 44 per cent more properties than for the comparable period in 2007, whilst turnover increased only 22 per cent. This doesn’t automatically mean that rents are falling – although they have in many cases, just not always by as much as some doomsayers imagine. What it does clearly show is that more people are renting smaller flats. Three bedroom flats let three years ago to families on corporate relocation allowances of around £1,000 per week are now being let to professional sharers at 30-40 per cent less, whereas smaller flats (from £250-450) are letting, seldom vacant for long at 10-15 per cent off 2007 peak prices.

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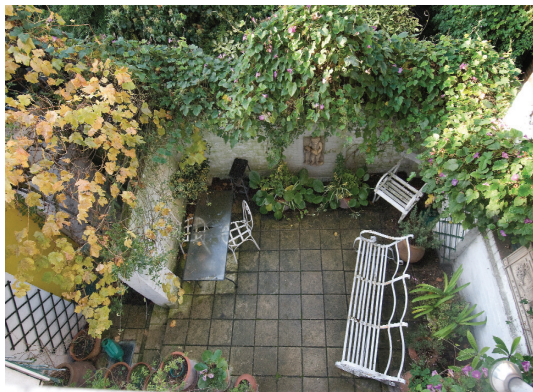
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Double fronted house requiring modernisation

Clareville Grove, SW7

Currently comprising drawing room ■ family room ■ dining room ■ kitchen ■ 4 bedrooms ■ 3 bathrooms ■ patio terrace ■
218 sq m (2,352 sq ft)

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Guide Price £2.1 million Freehold



Fantastic proportions backing onto communal gardens

Sloane Court East, SW3

Entrance hall ■ drawing room ■ study/sitting room ■ playroom/gym ■ kitchen/dining room ■ master bedroom with dressing room & bathroom en suite ■ 4/5 further bedrooms ■ 3 further bathrooms (2 en suite) ■ shower room en suite ■ cloakroom ■ roof terrace ■ communal garden ■ 427 sq m (4,601 sq ft)

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Price on application Freehold



Four newly refurbished lateral apartments in sought after Belgravia Ebury House, Elizabeth Street, SW1

All apartments comprise reception room with dining area ■ kitchen ■ 3 double bedrooms ■ 2 bathrooms ■ shower room ■ cloakroom (Flat 4 only) ■ apartments range from 144 sq m - 150 sq m (1,556 sq ft - 1,621 sq ft) ■ photographs of Flat 3

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Price on application Leasehold approximately 87 years remaining



Contemporary family living

Elthiron Road, SW6

Double reception room ■ kitchen/dining room ■ master bedroom with en suite ■ 4 further bedrooms ■ 1 further bathroom ■ 2 shower rooms ■ steam room ■ utility room ■ roof terrace (with planning permission for an extra bedroom) ■ garden ■ 254 sq m (2,733 sq ft)

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Price on application Freehold



Remarkable recently refurbished property

Lysia Street, SW6

Double reception room ■ kitchen/dining room ■ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ■
3 further bedrooms ■ 2 further bathrooms ■ garden ■ cloakroom ■ studio home office ■
195 sq m (2,101 sq ft)

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Guide Price £1.195 million Freehold

Beautifully refurbished family house Markham Street

Reception ■ eat in kitchen ■ 3 double
bedrooms ■ 3 bathrooms (2 en suite) ■
study/TV area ■ large roof terrace

Unfurnished

£1,750 per week

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Exceptionally light lateral apartment Royal Avenue

Reception ■ dining room ■ kitchen ■
2 double bedrooms ■ 2 en suite
bathrooms ■ utility room ■ garage and
porter ■ approximately 1,302 sq ft

Furnished

£900 per week

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QUEENSBERRY PLACE, SW7

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- Gym with Sauna and Shower Room • 2 Cloakrooms • Security Centre
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PRICE £13,250,000 / £10,000 per week

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Low built luxury living in the heart of Chelsea.

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- Study • 7 Bedrooms • 6 en suite Bathrooms • 2 Guest Cloakrooms • Wine Cellar
- 2 Roof Terraces • 2 Balconies • Patio Garden • Communal Garden Square
- Off street parking for 2 cars

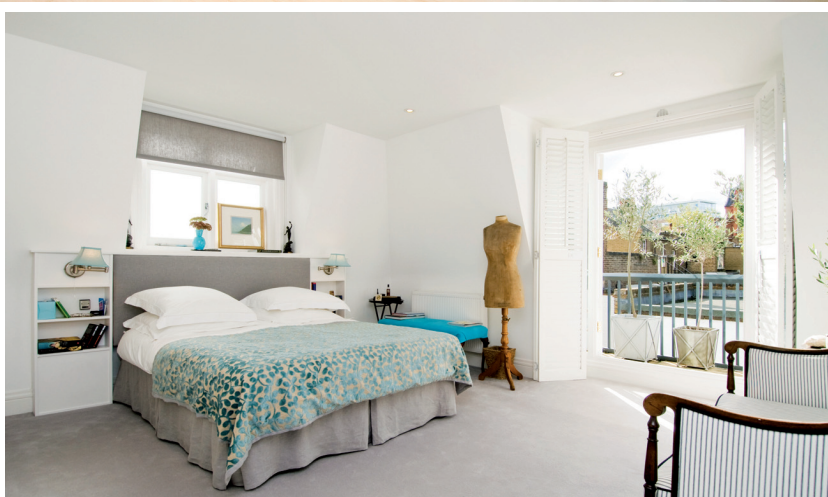
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Clareville Street, South Kensington SW7

Low built family house

A newly refurbished house tucked away in a quiet street in South Kensington. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, 3 further bedrooms en suite, double reception room, kitchen/dining/sitting room, study/bedroom 5, cloakroom, utility room/wine cellar, 2 terraces, balcony. Approximately 242sq.m (2,605sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £3,100,000

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Fawcett Street, Chelsea SW10

Family house with volume

This is a beautiful family house with spacious living accommodation and a good sized, mature patio garden to the rear. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, sitting room, utility room, cloakroom, patio garden. Approximately 230sq.m (2,476sq.ft).

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Chesilton Road, Fulham SW6

Newly built house off the Fulham Road

One of a pair of newly built traditional style houses that have been finished to exceptionally high standards and located on a popular road. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, guest wc, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, utility room, patio, garden. Approximately 231sq.m (2,487sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £1,950,000

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TITE STREET, SW3

A newly refurbished flat on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th floor of this super conversion. The property is fully furnished to a very high standard and in a contemporary style. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £2,000 per week



COLLINGHAM GARDENS, SW5

A superb flat which has been finished to a very high standard. Reception room with access and views onto communal gardens, excellent kitchen, master bedroom suite with en suite bathroom and separate shower room. Bedroom, bathroom, reception.

Furnished £1,750 per week



COLERIDGE GARDENS, SW10

Superb flat on the 4th floor (with lift) of this private gated development with on site porters. Set in beautiful grounds with a tennis court, gym, swimming pool and an underground parking space. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Unfurnished £780 per week



HEREFORD SQUARE, SW7

Superb family house with south facing views over Hereford Square and a private patio garden. Presented in excellent decorative order. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, patio garden.

Unfurnished £3,300 per week



CRANLEY MANSIONS, SW7

Refurbished 3rd floor family flat in a delightful mansion block with lift. Within close proximity to both Gloucester Road and South Kensington amenities and Underground stations. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, lift.

Unfurnished/Furnished £2,500 per week



EVELYN GARDENS, SW7

Gorgeous 2nd floor flat with reception and balcony. Use of communal gardens, completely refurbished. Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £695 per week

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CHESTER SQUARE, SW1

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3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £3,250 per week



LYALL MEWS, SW1

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5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £3,500 per week



EATON PLACE, SW1

Beautifully refurbished ground and lower ground floor maisonette in an excellent location.

3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, atrium, utility room.

Unfurnished £2,850 per week



CLIVEDEN PLACE, SW1

Well presented ground & lower ground maisonette with pretty garden close to Sloane Square.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished £1,400 per week

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HOLLAND PARK, W11

Recently refurbished, spacious apartment located close to the transport and retail amenities on Holland Park and Notting Hill.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Unfurnished £1,550 per week



COPE PLACE, W8

Delightful family house located just south of Kensington High Street benefiting from a south-facing decked roof terrace.

3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room.

Unfurnished £1,000 per week



PENCOMBE MEWS, W11

This secure house located in a private road is ideally placed for easy access to all the amenities in Notting Hill Gate.

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- High quality refurbishment

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- Share of Freehold
- Third floor
- Gloucester Road Underground



Bina Gardens, SW5
Two bedroom flat with views over garden square in South Kensington

£625,000 Share of freehold

- Two bedrooms
- High ceilings
- Open plan kitchen

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- Communal gardens
- Third floor
- Gloucester Road Underground

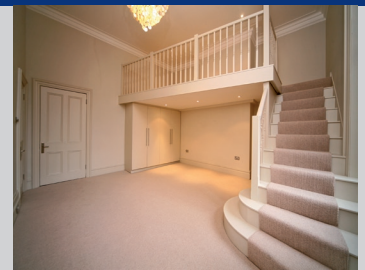
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Coleherne Mansions, SW5

Three bedroom refurbished flat
on Old Brompton Road

£1,650,000 Share of freehold

- Three bedrooms
- High ceilings
- Separate kitchen
- Three bathrooms, two en-suite
- Raised ground floor
- Earls Court Underground

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Collingham Gardens, SW5

Three bedroom flat in South Kensington
with access to communal gardens

£725,000 Share of freehold

- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Wood floors
- Patio/ courtyard
- Lower ground floor
- Earls Court & Gloucester Road Underground

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Eardley Crescent, SW5

Refurbished first floor two bedroom flat
within Earls Court Victorian conversion

£495,000 Share of freehold

- Two bedrooms
- High ceilings
- Two shower rooms
- Share of freehold
- Tree lined street
- Earls Court Underground

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Three bedroom town house with
garden in Belgravia

£2,000p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Three double bedrooms
- Separate study
- Two reception rooms

- Kitchen with dining area
- Private garden and terrace
- Sloane Square Underground

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Dove Mews, SW5
Stylish three bedroom house with
roof terrace in South Kensington

£1,200p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Three double bedrooms
- Spacious living room with dining area
- Large private roof terrace

- Two bathrooms
- Arranged over three floors
- Gloucester Road Underground

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Redcliffe Mews, SW10
Two bedroom mews house with
private garden in Chelsea

£875p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Private garden
- Wood floors

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- Two bathrooms
- Separate kitchen
- Earls Court Underground



Brompton Road, SW3
Three bedroom, two bathroom
mansion flat in South Kensington

£ 750 p/w Furnished

- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Separate kitchen/dining

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- Second floor, lift
- Wood floors
- South Kensington Underground



Bolton Gardens, SW5

Contemporary two double bedroom flat between Earls Court and Gloucester Road

£595 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Contemporary living room
- Open plan kitchen
- Two bathrooms
- Lower ground floor
- Earls Court Underground

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Courtfield Road, SW7

Two double bedroom, two bathroom flat just off Gloucester Road

£550 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Living room with dining area
- Open plan kitchen
- Two bathrooms
- Second floor of conversion
- Gloucester Road Underground

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Sloane Gardens, SW1W

Two double bedroom flat on a garden square close to Sloane Square

£525 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Separate kitchen
- Fourth floor of conversion
- Access to communal gardens
- On-site caretaker
- Sloane Square Underground

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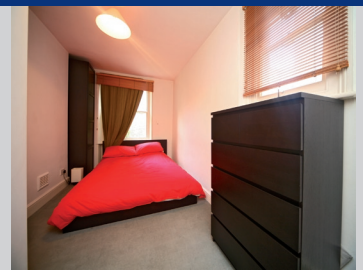
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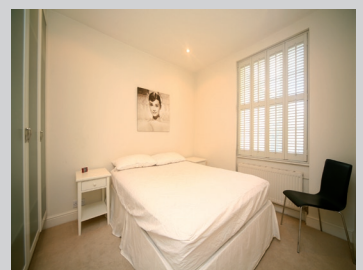
Redcliffe Street, SW10

Two double bedroom raised ground floor flat within Chelsea conversion

£450p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Two bathrooms
- Raised ground floor
- Earls Court Underground

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Ovington Square, SW3

One bedroom flat on a garden square in Knightsbridge

£425p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom
- Second floor of conversion
- Access to communal gardens
- Separate kitchen
- Contemporary furnishings
- Knightsbridge Underground

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Nevern Road, SW5

Refurbished one bedroom flat within Victorian conversion in Earls Court

£360 p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom
- Oak wood floors
- Open plan kitchen
- Limestone tiled wet room
- Second floor of conversion
- Earls Court Underground

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Montpelier Walk SW7

“A beautifully presented four storey house situated in this quiet street in the heart of “Knightsbridge Village”. The property is presented in a light and airy style with quality fixtures, two roof terraces and accommodation extending to approximately 1,679 sq ft. ”

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Shower room
- Drawing room
- Kitchen / dining room
- Study
- Roof terrace
- Storage vaults

Freehold, guide price £2,400,000

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- Reception room
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Utility room
- Guest cloakroom
- Sun room / study
- Roof terrace

Freehold, guide price £2,250,000



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Moncorvo Close SW7

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- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Paved Garden
- Garage

**Leasehold 981 years, guide price £7,500,000 or
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Walton Street SW3

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- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms
- Guest Cloakroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Eat-In Kitchen
- Paved Garden

**Freehold, guide price £5,700,000 or
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The ultimate family residence

No expense has been spared in the refurbishment of this ultimate knightsbridge family house with accommodation laid out over five floors. The rear garden has been dropped to the lower ground floor level providing exceptional natural light to this floor.

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Entrance Hall, Elegant Double Reception Room, Kitchen/ Conservatory, Media Room, Utility Room and Cloakroom, Wine Cellar, Master Bedroom Suite With En-Suite Bathroom, Guest Bedroom With En-Suite Shower/Steam Room, Four Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Shower Room, Concealed Top Floor Utility Cupboard, Spectacular Lowered Landscaped Garden With Jacuzzi And Bespoke Water Feature

- Air conditioning throughout
- Data network cabling throughout
- Xantech media system throughout with led touch screen keypad controllers
- Designated media room with HD projector and automated screen
- Acoustic insulation between all floors
- Steam-room
- Door entry system/intercom on all floors
- Programmable lighting on ground floor and basement
- Spiral wine cellar with electric glass door which holds 1,300 bottles
- Underfloor heating on ground floor and basement
- Two utility rooms
- Tile warm up in all bathrooms
- Heated mirrors in bathrooms
- Curtains, blinds and carpets - oak flooring through the ground floor and Italian porcelain tiles in basement
- Bespoke wardrobes
- Frame-less structural glass kitchen extension
- Monitored intruder and fire alarms
- Banham high security locks on all exterior doors
- Landscaped garden with water feature wall, composite maintenance free decking, jacuzzi and hardwood pergola
- 3 phase power supply
- Designer Italian kitchen
- Trash compactor

To Let £4,750 per week unfurnished

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For art's sake

Taking on this former artist's studio, dating from 1891, on Stratford Road, W8 may seem like a daunting task. With permission been granted to reconfigure the 4,000sqft of space into a family home, the scope is endless. With six floors to arrange into your dream home, there are galleried living spaces and stunning double-height windows to spark your imagination. £2.595m, freehold. Egerton Roche, 020 7589 0909



Clean bill of health

Available for the first time in over 60 years, this Grade II-listed house on Paultons Square, SW3 is currently arranged as a doctor's surgery and a one-bedroom flat. The 2,263sqft of space is stuffed with original features and period charm oozes from every sash, cornice and fireplace. The artist's studio at the bottom of the west-facing garden would make a superb home office if you can't bear to leave this beautiful home. Guide Price £2.7m, freehold Tomlinson Property, 020 7384 0686



Underneath the arches

Thomas Cubitt's original design has been recently restored and refurbished in this second-floor apartment on Lyall Street, SW1. The bricked-arch ceilings and windows are complimented by the dark wood floors, giving the open-plan living space a New York-loft-style feel.

Accommodation comprises: two double bedrooms, en suite bathroom, en suite shower room, large reception room, kitchen, guest cloakroom and balcony.

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Best of both

This mews house in Eccleston Square Mews, SW1 has all the charm of a cobbled mews and a private garden. Almost unheard of in prime central London. The reception room, with large folding doors out onto the terrace, seals the deal. The top-floor master bedroom suite also had us hooked, with vast fitted wardrobes and a spa-like bathroom all to ourselves. Bliss. Accommodation includes: three bedrooms, en suite bathroom, shower room, reception room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, garden, balcony and informal parking (not demised).

£1.195m, freehold. Douglas and Gordon, 020 7931 8200



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Entrance hall•Reception•Dining room•Kitchen•Master bedroom en suite bathroom•Two further bedrooms en suite showers•Fourth bedroom en suite bathroom•Staff bedroom en suite shower•Cloakroom•Terrace•Access to communal garden by sep negotiation



EATON MANSIONS, CLIVEDEN PLACE, BELGRAVIA, SW1

£3,250,000 LEASEHOLD

A magnificent newly modernised three bedroom ground floor maisonette set in this prestigious period portered block. The property is located in this superb location moments from Eaton square, Sloane square and Chelsea, close to all the wonderful shops and the transport facilities.

Entrance hall • Reception room • Dining room • Kitchen/breakfast room • Three bedrooms • En suite shower room • Two en suite bathrooms • Guest cloakroom • Care taker.



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Ebury Street Belgravia SW1 £2,450,000 Long Leasehold

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- Entrance hall plus second entrance • Reception • Kitchen • 3 Bedrooms
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Queens Gate SW7 £3,500,000 Share of Freehold

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- Reception • Open plan kitchen • Double bedroom • Bathroom



Holland Park, W11

An immaculately refurbished two bedroom apartment (1047 sq ft – 97.2 sq m) situated on the lower ground floor with its own private entrance set in this stunning white period building.

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£699,000 Long Lease

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London SW8



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Little Chester Street, London SW1

A spacious double fronted townhouse (approx. 2,423 sq ft) with generous accommodation including an open plan kitchen/dining room as well as two studies, first floor south facing reception room and the added benefit of an integral garage.

5 Bedrooms (2 En Suite) • Further Bathroom • Reception Room • 2 Studies
Kitchen/Dining Room • Guest Cloakroom • Garage • Laundry • Wine Cellar



Freehold

£2,950,000 STC





Clareville Grove, London SW7

A spacious family house (approx 3,300 sq ft) with a patio garden in this sought after location in the heart of South Kensington.

4 Double Bedrooms • Dressing Room • 2 Bathrooms • 3 Shower Rooms • Drawing Room • Dining Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Guest Cloakroom • Utility Room • Garden

Unfurnished

£2,950 Per Week



Onslow Square, London SW7

An elegant, spacious and contemporary lateral penthouse apartment in this sought after garden square with a private roof terrace and access to the communal gardens and tennis court.

2 Double Bedrooms • En Suite Bathroom • En Suite Shower Room • Studio Style Reception Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Lift • Roof Terrace • Access to Communal Gardens & Tennis Court

Furnished

£2,000 Per Week



Smith Terrace, London SW3

A stylish and recently refurbished house finished to a high standard with good quality fittings.

3 Double Bedrooms • Single Bedroom • 2 Bathrooms • Double Reception Room • Eat-in Kitchen • Paved Garden • Roof Terrace • Guest Cloakroom

Unfurnished

£1,400 Per Week



Rutland Gate, London SW7

A spectacular ground floor apartment, which has been finished to an extremely high standard with access to broadband and further benefits include plasma screens, wiring for the hi fi and ample storage.

Double Bedroom • En Suite Bathroom • Double Reception Room • Kitchen • Guest Cloakroom

Furnished

£850 Per Week



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Academy Gardens, W8

A large two double bedroom flat in this exclusive development. Featuring modern, spacious living and includes concierge, pool, gym and underground parking.

- Reception Room
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Concierge
- Gym
- Underground Parking

£1750.00 per week



Cheyne Walk, SW3

A beautifully interior designed four bedroom first floor apartment forming part of this well managed period building with river views in the heart of Chelsea.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 1 Reception Room,
- 4 Bathrooms (4 En-Suite)
- 1 Cloak Room

£3500.00 per week

Part Exchange Considered



Campden Hill Road | W8

A warm and welcoming stucco fronted five bedroom family house situated in a prime street in the heart of Kensington, just off the High Street. With accommodation arranged over four floors, the property retains a wealth of period detail including some magnificent fireplaces and ornate plasterwork. One half of the double reception room is panelled, currently the library, with adjoining conservatory. Upstairs there is a study, 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Outside is a charming west facing family garden. There is separate Staff accommodation on the garden floor, which also has its own staff entrance.

The property has been refurbished by its present owner to offer flexible family living space. Campden Hill Road is a prestigious address on the edge of the Phillimore Estate and is well located with regard to the excellent facilities of Kensington High Street, Holland Park and Notting Hill Gate.

4 Receptions • 4 Bedrooms • 3 Bathrooms • 2 Kitchens • Fine fireplaces and plasterwork • Panelled library
Study • Conservatory • West facing garden • Staff entrance • Staff flat

279 m² / 3,007 ft²

Available to let at **£3,200 per week**

Available to buy at **£3,500,000 Freehold**





Stratford Road | W8

A former artist's studio, dating from 1891, at the height of the Pre-Raphaelite movement, set in a tranquil private courtyard off Stratford Road.

The property is currently arranged as three separate apartments but planning permission has been granted to combine them, creating a spectacular and spacious home of approximately 4,000 Sq Ft, with accommodation arranged over up to six levels served by a lift and spiral staircase, offering two roof terraces, a media room/gym in a new sub-basement, up to 5 bedroom suites and particularly impressive galleried living spaces, all working around the double height windows that once lit the artist's studios.

Proposed Accomodation Might include:
5 Bedrooms • 5 Bathrooms • 2 Galleried Reception Rooms • Lift • Kitchen • Study • Media Room/Gym • Bar Area • Private Gated Courtyard

Existing Internal Area: 246 m² / 2,658 ft²
Approximate Proposed Internal Area: 371 m² / 4,000 ft²

Freehold £2,595,000



Glamorous Conversion South Kensington

A unique, stunning apartment interior designed throughout to the highest standard with access onto beautiful communal gardens. The apartment is located in a classic period property and comprises a spacious and light reception room state of the art kitchen, luxurious bedroom with en suite bathroom and further shower room. The apartment is located on a pretty tree lined quiet street in South Kensington

Master suite
Further shower room
Double reception
Communal gardens

£1,700 per week
Furnished
South Kensington
020 7838 1888



Immaculate Perfection South Kensington

A stylish and substantial four bedroom duplex apartment, in this striking period building, moments from the shops, restaurants and amenities of South Kensington.

4 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception, kitchen, balcony

£2500 per week Furnished/ Unfurnished 020 7838 1888



Style Statement Chelsea

A stunning two bedroom apartment with a stylish contemporary interior and private decked garden.

2 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception, kitchen, private decked garden

£725 per week Furnished 020 7590 9500

Kensington Lettings directory

STRUTT & PARKER

Head of lettings: Nina Younger

Head of sales: Rupert Wiggin

Company profile: Strutt & Parker is one of the UK's leading, privately-owned property partnerships. Involved in the London market for over 20 years with many more years accumulated knowledge.

Typical property: Anything from large family houses to immaculate and quirky studios. Properties aimed towards the higher end of the market, or those who want something special.

Tips to tenant: Although there is a lot of choice on the market at the moment don't dither, if you find the perfect home make the offer and get things moving.

Tips to landlord: Present your property in immaculate condition. Do not cut corners when refurbishing or decorating, this will be noticed. Think about your ideal tenant and what their ideal home would be like, and then make your property that home.

Market comment: Despite the endless negative press the market has received we have had a flying start to 2009, although growth in values is likely to be lower than in recent years. With our expanded team in central London we have more property to offer in both divisions and look forward to being rushed off our feet.

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SAVILLS

Head of lettings: Matthew Hobbs

Head of sales: Kit Allen

Company profile: Leading broad based, international, agency and property advisory group. Currently over 90 offices in the UK and 20 in London.

Typical property: Houses large and small and a whole range of flats with a new team dedicated to one and two-bed properties.

Tips to tenant: Despite the fact that there is more stock in the market than a year ago certain sectors are short of property. Don't forget lots of people are looking to rent now rather than buy so there is competition.

Tips to landlord: Particularly so in a nervy market, presentation is key to getting the best price and a prompt letting – try to see the property through a prospective tenant's eyes.

Market comment: A cooler sales market doesn't necessarily mean more letting stock – prospective landlords simply stay put. The year has started with a flurry of activity and the lettings market is likely to hog the limelight for the first half of the year.

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KNIGHT FRANK

Head of lettings: Zoe Sexton

Head of sales: Tim Wright

Company profile: Leading independent global partnership. As one of the most established letting agents in London, we are proud of achievements which are based on hard work, experience, an honest approach and an ability to adapt to market trends.

Typical property: Smart flats and houses ranging from one-bedroom flats at £375 per week, to family houses at £3,500 per week, in Kensington, Holland Park and Notting Hill.

Tips to tenant: Know exactly what you are looking for as the choice of property on the market can be overwhelming.

Tips to landlord: Make sure your property is shown at its best to make it stand out from others on the market. Be realistic on the rent and respond quickly to offers. Listen to the advice of your agent.

Market comment: The start of the new year has been very busy, with applicant levels picking up.

Stock levels are high so landlords have to be realistic on asking rents. The market is stronger for properties under £1,000 per week.

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CLUTTONS

Head of lettings: Annaliese Griffiss

Head of agency: Teresa Kane

Company profile: Cluttons LLP is an independent firm of chartered surveyors and property consultants founded in 1765, providing maximum returns to clients through a personal style of comprehensive and expert services.

Typical property: High quality properties from pied-a-terres to family homes.

Tips to tenant: Now is a really good time to upgrade your property as rental prices have reached rock bottom and there are serious bargains to be had!

Tips to landlord: Now, more than ever, landlords need to take care of their tenants, so instruct a reputable agent to professionally manage your property.

Market comment: The first few weeks of this year have shown a flurry of activity, with applicants taking advantage of the quality properties currently on the market at competitive rents.

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Company profile: D&G is one of the largest privately owned estate agents and property consultants in central and south-west London. We are thoroughly committed to customer care which is defined in our mission statement 'to reach and retain the position of the market leader in every sector, by combining expert knowledge with uncompromising personal service'.

Typical property: We specialize in all types of residential properties, from one-bedroom flats to large apartments and family houses.

Tips to tenant: Let your agent know exactly what you are looking for and what price you are willing to spend, not what you would like to negotiate from. As much detail as possible can be extremely helpful to both you and your agent. Communication with your agent is vital.

Tips to landlord: Make sure your agent is giving you correct advice on a realistic achievable rental figure. It is a very competitive market for landlords at the moment, so prepared to be flexible.

Immaculately presented properties with modern interiors are proving more desirable. **Market comment:** Although the general current state of the market has changed over the past few months, the New Year has seen the demand for rental property pick up. There are a number of very good properties available but tenants are being selective and demanding a good deal.

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MARSH & PARSONS

Head of lettings: Verity Watts

Head of sales: Craig Tonkin

Company profile: Marsh & Parsons specialise in the central, west and south London markets with offices in Kensington, Chelsea, Notting Hill, Bayswater, Holland Park, Brook Green, Fulham, Battersea, Clapham, Balham and Barnes. We are a team of highly experienced individuals who are passionate about selling and letting property with an excellence in customer service.

Typical property: All sizes of high-quality properties from studios to family homes.

Tips to tenant: With a marked increase in demand, tenants should ensure that they are in a position to make an offer on a property before they start their search, as the best properties go very quickly.

Tips to landlord: Presentation is key. A recently refurbished property in a contemporary and neutral style will let much more quickly and for a higher rent than those in need of updating.

Market comment: 2009 has got off to a great start, with a high number of applicants registering – particularly in the low-mid range share of the market. Tenants need to be prepared to act quickly if they find a property they like. In this highly competitive market landlords need to make sure that their properties are ready for an offer and are able to facilitate a quick move-in.

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BEANEY PEARCE

Head of lettings: Gemma Corr

Head of sales: Nicholas Pearce

Company profile: Beaney Pearce is a well established name in Kensington and Chelsea who specialise in the unique market of this area. All of our negotiators are experienced, ARLA qualified and passionate about property.

Typical property: Modern apartments in new, portered developments and stylish period properties from studios to large family houses.

Tips to tenant: Headlines are written to sell papers; the economy is difficult but the property you are interested in may well be in demand, so be prepared to pay what it is worth to you.

Tips to landlord: It is crucial that you instruct an agent that you can trust, not only to be honest with you but one who will ensure that your long-term interests are best served.

Market comment: The lettings market will be very busy in 2009, although of course it will be a tougher market. Rents are unlikely to come down, but the competition will improve the standard of property available.

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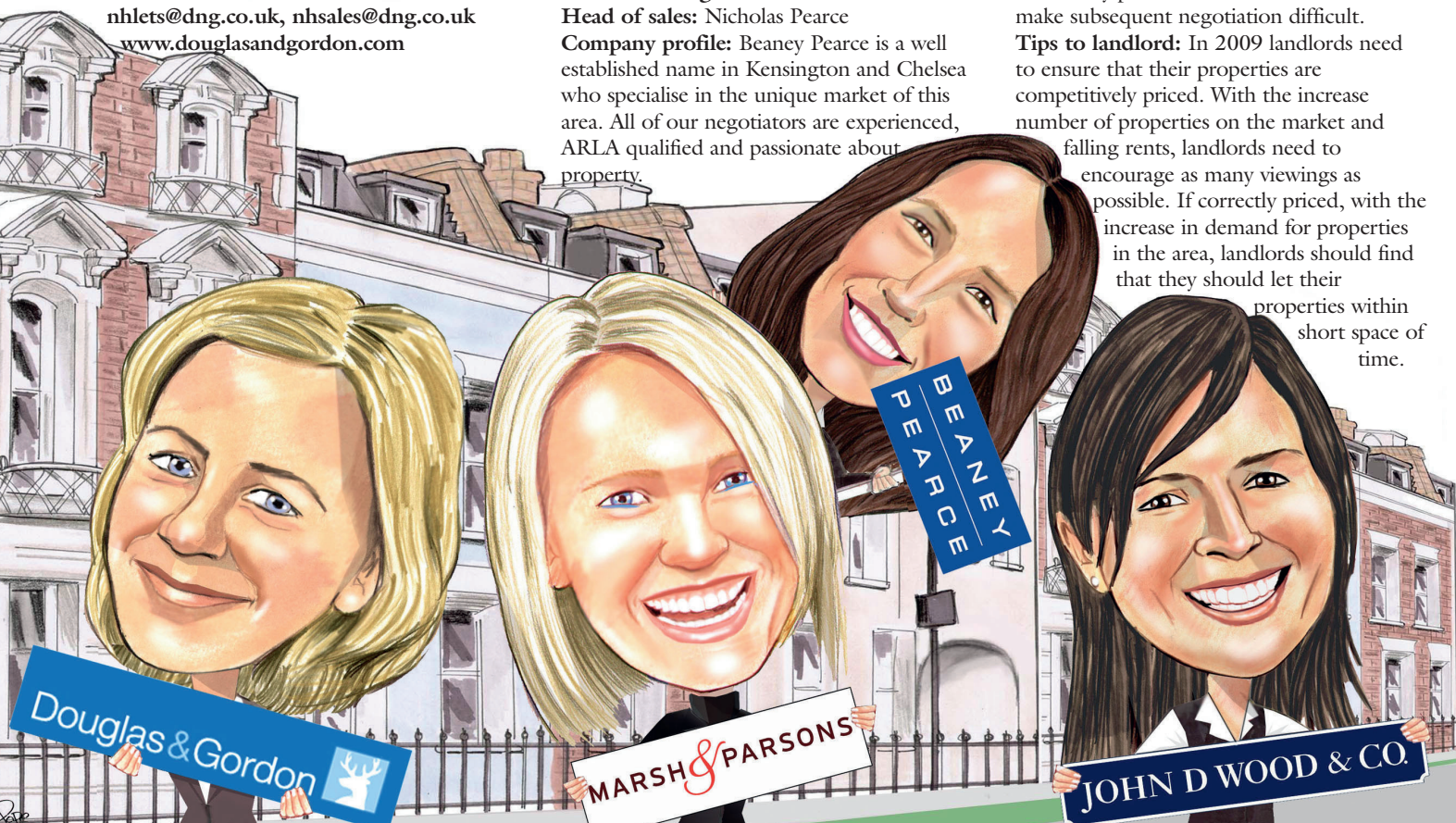
Head of sales: Matthew Harrop

Company profile: John D Wood & Co is a well-established sales and lettings agent covering London and the south of England. The office is situated in the heart of Holland Park with a reputation for offering a professional and personal service.

Typical property: All properties from one-bed flats to five/six bed family houses.

Tips to tenant: With the increase in stock levels and falling rental prices, tenants are in a strong position; however, unrealistic, low offers only prove to alienate landlords and make subsequent negotiation difficult.

Tips to landlord: In 2009 landlords need to ensure that their properties are competitively priced. With the increase number of properties on the market and falling rents, landlords need to encourage as many viewings as possible. If correctly priced, with the increase in demand for properties in the area, landlords should find that they should let their properties within short space of time.



Market comment: Although rents have fallen, the lettings market continues to experience an increase in activity from both individual applicants and potential corporate tenants.

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W.A.ELLIS

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Head of sales: Houses: Andrew McGillivray

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Investment: Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

Company profile: Independent agency established in 1868 covering all aspects of residential property in Central London. There are 40 staff under one roof.

Typical property: All property types ranging from studios at £200pw up to substantial family houses in excess of £20,000pw

Tips to tenant: Be realistic about your needs. When you see a good property, take it. Don't wait for the next one to come along only to be left disappointed.

Tips to landlord: Present your property in an immaculate condition. Be flexible with furnishings, to widen your market. Use any void to upgrade or refresh your property. Arrange for easy viewing access as some good tenants have tight schedules.

Market Comment: The lettings market is still strong, with well presented properties renting quickly. Now, more than ever before, landlords need agents like W. A. Ellis, who have a wealth of experience of all market conditions, to ensure they are maximizing their property's rental potential

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FARLEYS

Lettings manager: Lizzie Bowen

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Company profile: Farleys has been a leading agent in the RBK&C for over 100 years. Our strength in a highly

competitive residential market is to give a professional service, combined with a personal and friendly approach. With our experience, enthusiasm and local knowledge, Farleys will help you make the right choice.

Typical property: From contemporary style studio flats to stylish family houses and larger newly refurbished flats/maisonettes.

Tips to tenant: Make sure you deal with an ARLA agent who complies with Best Practice regulations and is a member of the Tenancy Deposit Scheme.

Tips to landlord: Make sure your property is presented in the best condition at the start of marketing your property as competition is fierce and tenants have considerably more choice than they 12 months ago.

Market comment: Tenants are looking, on average, at five-10 properties before making a decision. Therefore, landlords need to be quick to make decisions and flexible on pricing.

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BOULLE DIRECTORY

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Typical client: Middle to high net-worth international clientele, seeking long-term lets and two or three years premium leases.

Area covered: Prime central, west and south west London.

Additional services: A Multilingual team offering more than 50 years' experience in sales and acquisition, property management, relocation and settling-in services.

Fastest find: Within 48 hours of being instructed we helped a Senior Executive of a Multinational to find a short-term home for his large family and a long-term apartment on a beautiful square where he still resides. Two years later we are helping him find a home to buy!

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HARPERS & HARRISON

Head of lettings: Catherine O'Hagan

Head of sales: Marie Harrison

Company profile: An independently owned boutique-style agency covering prime areas of the Capital. Operated by an experienced and committed team, the accent is on personal service – including sales, rentals, property management and acquisitions.

Typical property: From one-bed flats at £400pw to large houses at £5,000 pw+.

Tips to tenant: It is a tenant's market at present, but do bear in mind that many asking rents have already been reduced to reflect market conditions, so do not tender hugely unrealistic offers.

Tips to landlord: Keep in tune with the market and listen to your agent. A slightly lower rent than anticipated is better than none at all. We have always advised that properties should be presented in excellent condition but in the current climate this is absolutely essential. Be prepared to be flexible, perhaps accept shorter terms.

Market comment: The past few months have seen rents take a dive as landlords have adjusted to market conditions. This has led to increased activity as many people already in rented property seize the opportunity to make a change for the better. Understandably however there has been resistance from landlords to commit to renewal options with built-in rent increases.

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Wood you believe it

We love the dark wood, exposed brickwork and loft-style space of this two-bed/two-bath apartment on Roland Gardens, SW7. The quirky angles, accentuated by a clever lighting system and open-plan layout make it a fun but usable space. The dark wood floors, gloss black kitchen, Jacuzzi tub for two and slate grey tones of the master bedroom make this the ultimate bachelor pad for entertaining.

£1.5m, share of freehold

Chard, 020 7373 8883

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Setting the scene

If you are a home seller, rather than a home buyer you may be interested to hear about the services of Tara Michelle Interiors. Branching out from the high-end interior design the consultancy has become renowned for, they are now offering a home-staging service. Tara O' Gorman explains: "The home staging part of our business is growing in response to an increasing demand from estate agents and property investors for a well designed, timely and cost effective solution to furnishing properties."

The service provides clients with the option to buy or rent furniture packages designed by O'Gorman, to dress their empty properties. The results (pictured, left) speak for themselves – this Belgravia penthouse was turned from an empty shell into an alluring home in just four weeks, from furniture to paintings and flowers to bed linen.

Tara Michelle Interiors Ltd.
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Great potential

If you have the dream, Humberts have the house for you. An un-modernised, Grade-II-listed, colossal Holland Park house is for sale, you may get lost over the five floors and 9,500sqft of space, but don't lose your vision as there is planning permission in place to create a subterranean swimming pool/ball room – so think big. £12.9m, freehold
Humberts, 020 7225 0433



Best of the best

Described by The Times as "one of London's top 10 developments", this new build Georgian-style townhouse on Clareville Street, SW7 is a highlight of the current property market. We feel it is worth a mention as it manages to combine sublime luxury with the most up-to-date sustainable technology. The wow factor hits you immediately with the architectural free-form oak and glass staircase in the entrance hall. The 37-foot double reception room comes a close second; with glazed concertina doors onto a contemporary terrace. The media room with adjacent wine cellar and bar make for a perfect entertaining space, whilst the bespoke family kitchen is a vision of glass, high gloss, walnut and high-end appliances.

Upstairs the master suite, with the most impressive dressing room we've ever seen, takes up the whole first floor, with the two further double bedrooms (both en suite) making up the second.

£5.35m, freehold. Knight Frank 020 7349 4300 or 020 7591 8600

Best of both

It's not often you get the distribution between entertaining and bedroom space so perfectly distributed as this newly built property on Waterford Road, SW6. Arranged over four floors the living accommodation includes a stunning reception room with solid wood floors and a sleek, fully integrated kitchen. The two double bedrooms have oodles of space (with one en suite, too). To compliment the space air-conditioning, underfloor heating, CAT 5 cabling and lutron lighting have been fitted throughout. Further accommodation includes: third bedroom/study, garage and private roof terrace.

£1.15m, freehold

Marsh & Parsons, 020 7736 9822





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LONDON, ENGLAND Moncorvo Close, Knightsbridge, SW7: Modern and spacious town house, refurbished. Roof terrace. WEB: RES0121590. *London Brokerage, Sophie Allen, 44.207.495.9584*



GREENWICH, CT Near-Town Estate: Brick exterior, marble appointments. 3.4 acres. Pool, tennis. \$15,500,000. WEB: RES0064323. *Greenwich Brokerage, Marilynne Stratton, 203.869.4343*



GREENWICH, CT Majestic Hill: Rare opportunity to construct an estate of exceptional magnitude. \$12,500,000. WEB: RES0064122. *Greenwich Brokerage, Shelly Tretter Lynch, 203.869.4343*



GREENWICH, CT Seaside Estate: Grand century-old Victorian, restored. Expansive grounds, pool, tennis. \$13,250,000. WEB: RES0064500. *Greenwich Brokerage, Joseph Barbieri, 203.869.4343*



WILTON, CT Magnificent 15-Room Custom Home: Set on 5+ acres of sprawling privacy. \$3,100,000. WEB: RES0371726. *Old Greenwich Brokerage, Martin Nirschel, 203.637.9333*



SOUTHAMPTON, NY Architectural Masterpiece: 3 acres, 11 bedrooms, close to beach. \$22,000,000. WEB: RES0054203. *Southampton Brokerage, Harald Grant, 631.283.0600 Ext. 13*



EAST HAMPTON, NY The Henry D. Hedges House: South of the highway. 7,000 sq. ft. \$11,500,000. WEB: RES0044017. *East Hampton Brokerage, Jean Rickenbach, 631.324.6000 Ext. 8462*



BRIDGEHAMPTON, NY Artfully Appointed Traditional: Beautifully detailed 5,800± sq. ft. Pool. \$5,750,000. WEB: RES0034405. *Bridgehampton Brokerage, Beate V. Moore, 631.537.6000 Ext. 16*



NEW YORK, NY 740 Park Avenue: 15-room Rosario Candela duplex. WEB: RES0016023. *East Side Manhattan Brokerage, Serena Boardman, 212.606.7611, Meredyth Hull Smith, 212.606.7683*



NEW YORK, NY The Chapel on CPW: Imposing neo-French Renaissance chateau-esque-style 10-room prewar condo. \$17,500,000. WEB: RES0015882. *East Side Manhattan Brokerage, Nikki Field, 212.606.7669*



NEW YORK, NY The Plaza, 1 Central Park South: Magnificent 5-room, 2-bedroom, 2½-bath condo. \$8,750,000. WEB: RES0016112. *East Side Manhattan Brokerage, Eric Roche, 212.606.7769*



NEW YORK, NY 117 East 57th Street: Stunning high-floor 3,250± sq. ft., 4-bedroom, 5-bath condo. \$6,500,000. WEB: RES0016187. *East Side Manhattan Brokerage, Hélène A. Warrick, 212.606.7701*

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NEW YORK, NY 50 Gramercy Park: Park views. Privacy of home ownership, luxury of 5-star service. \$6,250,000. WEB: RES0134493. *Downtown Manhattan Brokerage, C. McKinley, 212.431.2448*



NEW YORK, NY Soho Doorman Condo: Duplex 3-bedroom, 2½-bath loft. Large windows. \$4,250,000. WEB: RES0134532. *Downtown Manhattan Brokerage, K. Copley, R. Zanetti, 212.431.2469*



NEW YORK, NY The Luminary: Boutique condo in West Village. Five 2-bedroom homes. By prospectus, File #08-0172. WEB: RES0134381. *Downtown Manhattan Brokerage, Keith Copley, 212.431.2469*



ROXBURY, CT Stone House: Renovated. Main residence, guest house. 7+ acres, pool. \$1,595,000. WEB: RES1030135. *Litchfield County Brokerage, J. Perkins, 860.927.7726, B. Garguilo, 860.868.6905*



RYE, NY Heavenly Waterfront: Custom built in 2004. 165' direct waterfront on LI Sound, private beach, dock, deepwater mooring. \$7,850,000. WEB: RES0652327. *Rye Brokerage, 914.967.4600*



SCARSDALE, NY Exquisite New Home: Stunning construction on 0.96 acre. Luxurious master, 6 additional bedrooms. \$3,999,000. WEB: RES0662401. *Scarsdale Brokerage, 914.713.2132*



CROTON, NY River Views: Hudson Highlands estate property, 20+ acres. 20,000 sq. ft. building plus 5 additional. \$3,500,000. WEB: RES0721334. *Bedford-Katonah Brokerage, 914.767.9645*



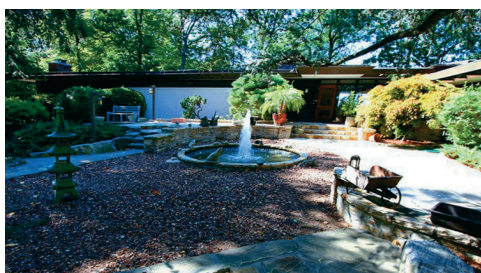
SCARSDALE, NY Magnificent Villa: Generously proportioned rooms, stunning details. 7 bedrooms, 6½ baths. Great for entertaining. \$2,995,000. WEB: RES0662517. *Scarsdale Brokerage, 914.713.2132*



LARCHMONT, NY Larchmont Manor Colonial-Style: Bright, sunny. Open floor plan, architectural details, 5 bedrooms, 3½ baths. \$2,950,000. WEB: RES0682196. *Larchmont Brokerage, 914.833.8431*



HARRISON, NY Sophisticated Colonial-Style: 1.23 park-like acres, 7 bedrooms, 5½ baths, finished lower level, excellent quality throughout. \$2,895,000. WEB: RES0652335. *Rye Brokerage, 914.967.4600*



OSSINING, NY Captivating Elegance: Glass and wood home with river views on 21+ sub-dividable acres. Pool, cabana, guest house. \$2,499,000. WEB: RES0711366. *Chappaqua Brokerage, 914.861.9626*



MAMARONECK, NY Historic Sound Shore Victorian: Updated 1861 4-bedroom, 3½-bath with architectural details, high ceilings. \$1,699,000. WEB: RES0682200. *Larchmont Brokerage, 914.833.8431*



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PALM BEACH, FL Majestic Direct Oceanfront Compound: John Volk-designed main home. \$45,000,000. VEB: RES0074658. *Palm Beach Brokerage, Cristina Condon, 561.301.2211*



PALM BEACH, FL 120 Canterbury: Stellar International contemporary-style. 10,000 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 6 baths. \$11,750,000. VEB: RES0074710. *Palm Beach Brokerage, Ned Monell, 561.722.0886*



PALM BEACH, FL Middle Road Jewel: Landmarked Maurice Fatio 1927 Mediterranean-style. 5 bedrooms, 11,000+ sq. ft. \$9,200,000. VEB: RES0074765. *Palm Beach Brokerage, Nancy Mendel, 561.315.0617*



JACKSON HOLE, WY Bar BC Ranch: 35-53-acre home sites located on the Snake River. VEB: RES0144107. *Jackson Hole Brokerage, Tom Evans, 307.739.8149, Dave Spackman, 307.739.8132*



JACKSON HOLE, WY 35 Acres: Custom log guest cabin. Furnished. Teton views. \$5,950,000. VEB: RES0146905. *Jackson Hole Brokerage, The Neville Group, 307.739.8046*



SANTA FE, NM Enclave of Only 8 Rarely Available Homes: Breathtaking 3,390 sq. ft. home opens to golf course. \$996,000. VEB: RES0562182. *Santa Fe Brokerage, S. Cronenweth, C. Russell, 505.984.5158*



LOS ANGELES, CA Cecil B. DeMille Estate: Historic landmark residence situated on 2 acres. \$23,950,000. VEB: RES0305034. *Sunset Strip Brokerage, Brett Lawyer, 310.888.3808*



LOS ANGELES, CA Modernism Revisited: Architectural with pool, city and ocean views in Sunset Strip. \$4,999,000. VEB: RES0025322. *Beverly Hills Brokerage, Bennett Carr, 310.777.5151*



BRENTWOOD, CA Shangri-La: World-class 112± acres, luxurious with lush surroundings. \$65,000,000. VEB: RES0631404. *Montecito Upper Village Brokerage, Julie Greener, 805.895.4616*



MOORPARK, CA St. George's Farm: Historic 130+ acre equine haven. Guest houses, pool, tennis. \$20,000,000. VEB: RES0631508. *Montecito Upper Village Brokerage, Terry Ryken, 805.896.6977*



SAN FRANCISCO, CA Pacific Heights Mansion: 9 bedrooms, 7 baths. Golden Gate view. \$13,495,000. VEB: RES0083789. *San Francisco Brokerage, Bernadette Lamothe, 415.296.2226*



NAPA VALLEY, CA 289-Acre Country Retreat: 4-bedroom residence plus cottage, views, pool, tennis, trails. \$6,750,000. VEB: RES0084023. *San Francisco Brokerage, K. Saghi, C. Lamp, 415.699.9113*



Rutland Gate

A fabulous penthouse with huge terrace.
Reception room, Kitchen breakfast room, 3 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Terrace, Lift, Porter
£1500 per week unfurnished

Montpelier Walk, SW7

A smart contemporary house in Knightsbridge Village.
Reception room, Kitchen Dining room, Study, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Cloakroom, Garden
£1200 per week unfurnished

Sheffield Terrace, W8

A fabulous second floor flat overlooking its own private gardens.
Entrance Hall, Reception room, Kitchen/breakfast room, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Private Gardens
£700 per week unfurnished

Hyde Park Gate, London SW7

A fourth floor flat in an excellent mansion block
Large Hall, Reception room, 3 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Kitchen, Lift, Porter
£1350 per week unfurnished



Kelso Place, W8

A superb recently refurbished house with garage and garden.
Reception room, Kitchen dining room, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
Cloakroom, Garage, Garden
£1650 per week unfurnished

Brompton Square, SW7

A wonderful family house in a superb location.
3 Reception rooms, Kitchen, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, Garden
£2850 per week unfurnished

Ennismore Gardens, SW7

A fabulous second floor flat in secure portered block.
Entrance Hall, 2 large reception rooms, Kitchen breakfast room,
5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 cloakrooms, Lift
£1950 per week unfurnished

Emperors Gate, SW7

A very smart ground floor maisonette in South Kensington.
Entrance Hall, Reception room, Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2
Bathrooms, Utility room, Patio
£525 per week furnished



£995,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
915 sq ft/
85 sq m.**

REDCLIFFE MEWS, SW10

A lovely, well presented two bedroom mews maisonette with a wonderful south-west facing garden and a shared private garage with space for one car.



£575,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
564 sq ft/
52 sq m.**

HARCOURT TERRACE, SW10

A wonderful one bedroom first floor flat with private west facing roof terrace. With good proportions and high ceilings the flat has been fully refurbished.



£695,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
1,299 sq ft/
121 sq m.**

EARLS COURT SQUARE, SW5

A substantial two/three bedroom lateral apartment with the benefit of a patio garden. The property has a very well proportioned reception room leading to a kitchen with space for dining.



£1,250,000 STC

Leasehold

**Approx:
1,242 sq ft/
115 sq m.**

LENNOX GARDENS, SW1

A superb two bedroom, ground floor apartment, with a particularly impressive reception room (21.3 x 15.6) that benefits from high ceilings, original period features and leafy views over the communal.



£1,025,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
1,018 sq ft/
94.57 sq m.**

GERTRUDE STREET, SW10

A rare first floor lateral triple aspect flat in this quietly located period building. The flat has been cleverly opened up with wonderful full length French windows allowing an abundance of light to infuse into the flat.



£325,000 STC

Leasehold

**Approx:
437 sq ft/
40.60 sq m.**

ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

A very attractive studio flat situated on the raised ground floor of a converted period building. The flat benefits from having a studio room with wooden flooring and French doors giving access to an ornamental balcony.



£550,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
842 sq ft/
78.22 sq m.**

EDITH GROVE, SW10

An immaculately presented and cleverly configured property that gives the impression of living in your own 'little house' in the upper reaches of this well maintained, period building.



£795,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
912 sq ft/
84.72 sq m.**

REDCLIFFE GARDENS, SW10

A stunning and very contemporary two double bedroom flat situated on the second floor of this newly refurbished period building primarily located on the corner of Cathcart Road.



£575,000 STC

Leasehold

**Approx:
815 sq ft/
75.75 sq m.**

ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

This is a spacious and well presented, two bedroom flat situated in this smart building with lift and access to communal gardens. The flat has a fabulous west facing balcony.



£1,395,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
1,233 sq ft/
114.54 sq m.**

ROLAND GARDENS, SW7

This stunning, two bedroom penthouse flat is entered at 2nd floor level followed by the main living space which takes up the whole of the 3rd floor. The flat also has a wonderful terrace with far reaching views.



£415,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
504 sq ft/
46.82 sq m.**

PARK WALK, SW10

A very appealing fourth floor (no lift) two bedroom flat in a smart period red brick mansion block. The flat enjoys excellent natural light and far reaching views and would make an ideal pied a terre or first time purchase.



£865,000 STC

**Share of
Freehold**

**Approx:
983 sq ft/
91.32 sq m.**

EDITH GROVE, SW10

A truly special flat encompassing the entire first floor of an impressive and well maintained double fronted house which is set back from the tree-lined street. This flat has superb high ceilings, great natural light, and an abundance of living and entertaining space.

GEORGE TROLLOPE



Eaton Square SW1

£2,000,000
Leasehold

A recently refurbished ground and lower ground floor maisonette (approximately 2,045 square feet) on the preferred North side of Eaton square. This apartment benefits from excellent entertaining space and a private patio (not demised) as well as use of the gardens of Eaton Square.

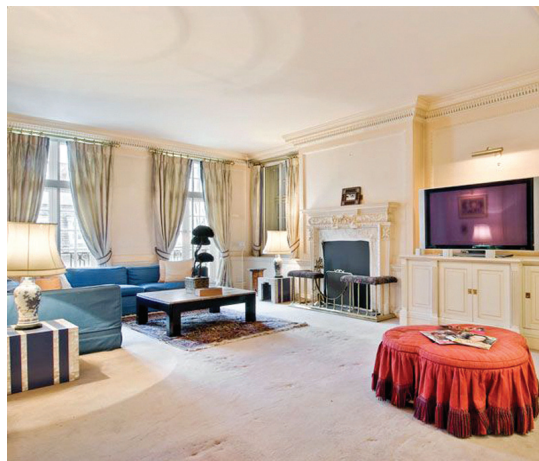
Reception room ▽ Dining room ▽ Kitchen ▽ Master bedroom with En - Suite Bathroom ▽ Second Bedroom with En - Suite Bathroom ▽ Third Bedroom / Study ▽ Shower Room ▽ Patio ▽ Use of Square Gardens ▽ Porter

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Leasehold

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↘ Kitchen/ Breakfast Room ↘ Study
↘ Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Room and Large Bath/Shower Room
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↘ Two Bathrooms ↘ Shower Room ↘ Kitchenette ↘ Three Guest Cloakrooms



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PAINTERS YARD, OLD CHURCH STREET, SW3

Fabulous one bedroom contemporary apartment in this award winning development in the heart of Chelsea. The apartment has wood floors throughout the living areas a wonderful and spacious drawing room, communal gardens and a porter. The apartment also benefits from two sets of French windows leading onto a private landscaped garden.

£800 per week

Unfurnished



ONSLow SQUARE, SW7

This unique three bedroom contemporary penthouse apartment enjoys westerly views across the gardens of Onslow Square from a balcony which extends the full length of the flat. Architecturally designed with many interesting modern features, this apartment offers flexible living accommodation. The property is conveniently placed for all the amenities of South Kensington and the tenant will have use of the gardens and tennis courts of Onslow Square and Onslow Gardens. Parking is available by separate negotiation.

£1950 per week

Furnished/Unfurnished



FOSBURY MEWS, W2

This unique three double bedroom mews house has been refurbished to an extremely high standard and includes wood floors, air-conditioning and double glazing. Interior designed with flair and attention to detail, this outstanding house is perfect for entertaining with a wonderful kitchen dining room and studio style reception room. Quietly situated in a private mews (with parking) close to Hyde Park.

£2000 per week

Furnished/Unfurnished



CHESTER ROW, SW1

Chester Row is a quiet and pretty street running parallel with Eaton Square in the heart of Belgravia. This period property is well placed for the amenities of Sloane Square. The extensive accommodation comprises: four bedrooms, three bathrooms (one en-suite), ground floor, reception room, open plan kitchen and a south facing garden. Joint sole agent, Best Gapp 0207 730 9253.

£3,400,000

Leasehold

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Alderney Street SW1 £445 per week

A bright and modern ground floor apartment situated within an attractive period conversion in the heart of Pimlico. The property is presented in excellent condition throughout and includes a good size double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, a stylish bathroom and an open plan reception room with a modern kitchen and wooden floors. **Furnished.**

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Brompton Place SW3 £995 per week

A stunning apartment in Harrods Court, an exclusive development in the heart of Knightsbridge. The property has been finished to an exacting standard and includes two double bedrooms, two well appointed bathrooms, a spacious reception room, a fully fitted kitchen and a private roof terrace. Further benefits include secure parking and a porter. **Furnished**

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St. Maur Road SW6 £1,295 per week

A stunning family house with a desirable Parsons Green address just a short walk from the amenities of Fulham Broadway. The generous accommodation comprises five double bedrooms, two bathrooms, a superb double reception room with a large bay window, a large kitchen leading onto a pretty patio garden and two private roof terraces. **Un/Furnished**

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Observatory Gardens W8 £1,750 per week

An excellent house ideally located for the shops, bars, restaurants and transport links of Kensington High Street. The property is split over two floors and comprises two large double bedrooms with excellent storage and en suite bathrooms, an open and airy reception room with double height ceilings, a decked terrace and a private gym and parking. **Un/Furnished**

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Just off the King's Road Oakley Street SW3 £1,200,000

A beautifully presented duplex apartment extremely well located for the extensive selection of shops, bars and restaurants on the Kings Road and the transport links of Sloane Square. This fantastic property boasts a spacious reception room with wooden floors and dining area, and a separate fully fitted kitchen leading out to the superb raised decked garden. The bedroom accommodation provides three double bedrooms, a large family bathroom and a WC on the ground floor. The property further benefits from a small courtyard providing separate vaults. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

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A classic family house in the Hillgate Village Farm Place W8 £1,375,000

A charming house situated in the heart of Hillgate Village just moments from Notting Hill Gate and the surrounding boutique shops, bars and restaurants. This superb house boasts fantastic space throughout making it ideal for entertaining and comprises a reception room on the ground floor with a separate dining room and a superb eat-in kitchen on the lower ground floor. The bedroom accommodation comprises two good size double bedrooms, two bathrooms, a courtyard garden and the added benefit of a wonderful roof terrace. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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A truly spectacular family house Moore Park Road SW6 £1,595,000

Moments from the amenities of Fulham Broadway, the property offers exceptional entertaining space and generous bedroom accommodation. Arranged over five floors this bright house comprises a sensational master bedroom suite including large bathroom and walk-in wardrobe, four additional double bedrooms, family bathroom, large drawing room with own balcony, beautiful shaker style kitchen leading to a conservatory dining room, study, TV room, children's play room and a ground floor WC/utility room. The property has the added benefit of a fantastic south facing roof terrace with enviable views over London as well as off street parking for several cars. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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A stunning and spacious freehold house Kildare Gardens W2 £3,350,000

This beautiful property has been refurbished to the highest of standards and provides bright, well configured, generous accommodation over five floors. The grand entertaining space features a bespoke kitchen/dining room with fabulous ceiling heights on the raised ground floor and an elegant double reception room occupying the entire first floor. The upstairs accommodation provides five bedrooms including a top floor master suite with dressing area, luxury bathroom and access to a roof terrace. The house is currently configured with a nanny flat on the lower ground floor. Garden and balcony. Freehold.

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Looking good

There's nothing like a picture-perfect stucco building and this offering from John D Wood on Charlwood Street, SW1 is beautiful. The grand façade with portico entrance and original iron railings makes for an impressive address, inside the raised ground floor apartment there is a beautiful double-height reception with marble surround fireplace, it only gets better in the cream and wood kitchen with room to eat, leading on through French windows to a private roof terrace. We can't fault this bijoux pad, and are green with envy that we're not snapping it up ourselves.

£355,000, share of freehold
John D Wood, 020 7824 7900



All white now

This Sydney Street flat is a blank canvas that could create a dream home for one lucky Chelsea girl (or boy). Being within a stone's throw of the restaurants and eateries of King's Road you might not find yourself in the kitchen very often, but if you do, this modern all white one will be a pleasure to use. The snug patio is a real bonus for intimate al fresco dinners. Accommodation includes: with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, reception room and patio.

£590pw, unfurnished
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Home house

Make a house a home in this incredibly proportioned apartment in Hereford House on Ovington Gardens, SW3. With a strong weighting towards entertaining space (the vast L-shaped reception room measures 20ft x 16ft), when the weather (finally) improves, you have not one, but two balconies on which to enjoy the summer rays. Accommodation includes: kitchen, reception, two balconies, bedroom and bathroom.

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Dear Tamzin and all of your team,

Thank you to everyone at Douglas & Gordon for selling our house – Boy, did you earn your money!

Thank you for all 63 viewings – we personally had long given up!

Thank you for overseeing the photographer and ensuring that the house was presented in the best possible light.

Thank you for ensuring that all the negotiators at all of the offices in Battersea, Balham and Abbeville Village visited our house and were each personally familiar with all of the features of our house.

Thank you for ensuring that on every viewing each of the negotiators remained fresh and positive and pointed out all of the features of our house.

Thank you for paying for so much coverage of our house in the national and local press. It was unfortunate that on our debut weekend when our house was featured in the Sunday Times, it was the first edition of the Sunday Times to liken the impending recession to the Great Depression, but the further feature in the Sunday Times, the couple of features in SW Magazine and the feature in Bridge all helped redress the situation!

AND the **BIGGEST THANKS** of all goes to Tamzin without whom the sale would quite likely never have happened.

Thank you for our weekly updates not just on the progress on our house, but also with detailed analysis of the market and the performance of D&G throughout London, without which we would never have appreciated how dire the housing market really became over the six months that you marketed our house.

Thank you for the experience that you brought to negotiating the three different offers that we received over the six months.

Thank you for holding together the final offer. Your frequent calls to check in with the buyers and reassurance to them undoubtedly helped.

Thank you for ensuring that our final offer didn't fall through, even when the survey threatened to derail it. If you hadn't got hold of the survey results when you did and organised both a structural engineer and a damp proof course expert to be at our house within 24 hours following the results and gone out of your way to reassure the already nervous buyers that the surveyor was simply being overly cautious, we are quite sure that the offer would probably have fallen through.

Thank you for continuing to check in with the buyer post-exchange to ensure that exchange did in fact lead to completion.

We had no idea quite how extensive a package we were buying into when we switched agents in March but the difference between the service provided by the previous agents and yourselves was immense. It wasn't luck but sheer determination and perseverance on your part that ensured that we exchanged on Meltdown Monday!

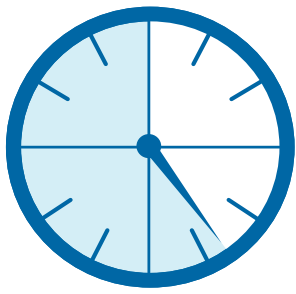
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Hans Crescent SW1

A fabulous newly refurbished and bright flat on the second floor (with lift) of this converted part mock Tudor building on the corner of Pavilion Road.

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£1,000,000 Share of Freehold
Cornwall Gardens SW7

A stunning and recently refurbished two double bedroom lower ground floor flat situated in this mid terrace Victorian property.

Own entrance, Open-plan kitchen/reception room, Master bedroom with en-suite shower room, Second bedroom, Bathroom, Study area, 2 patios.

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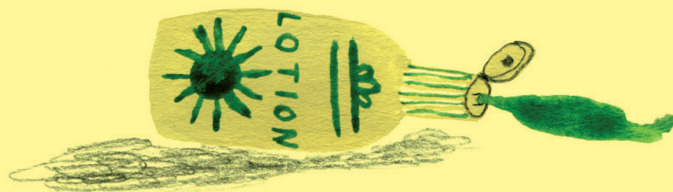
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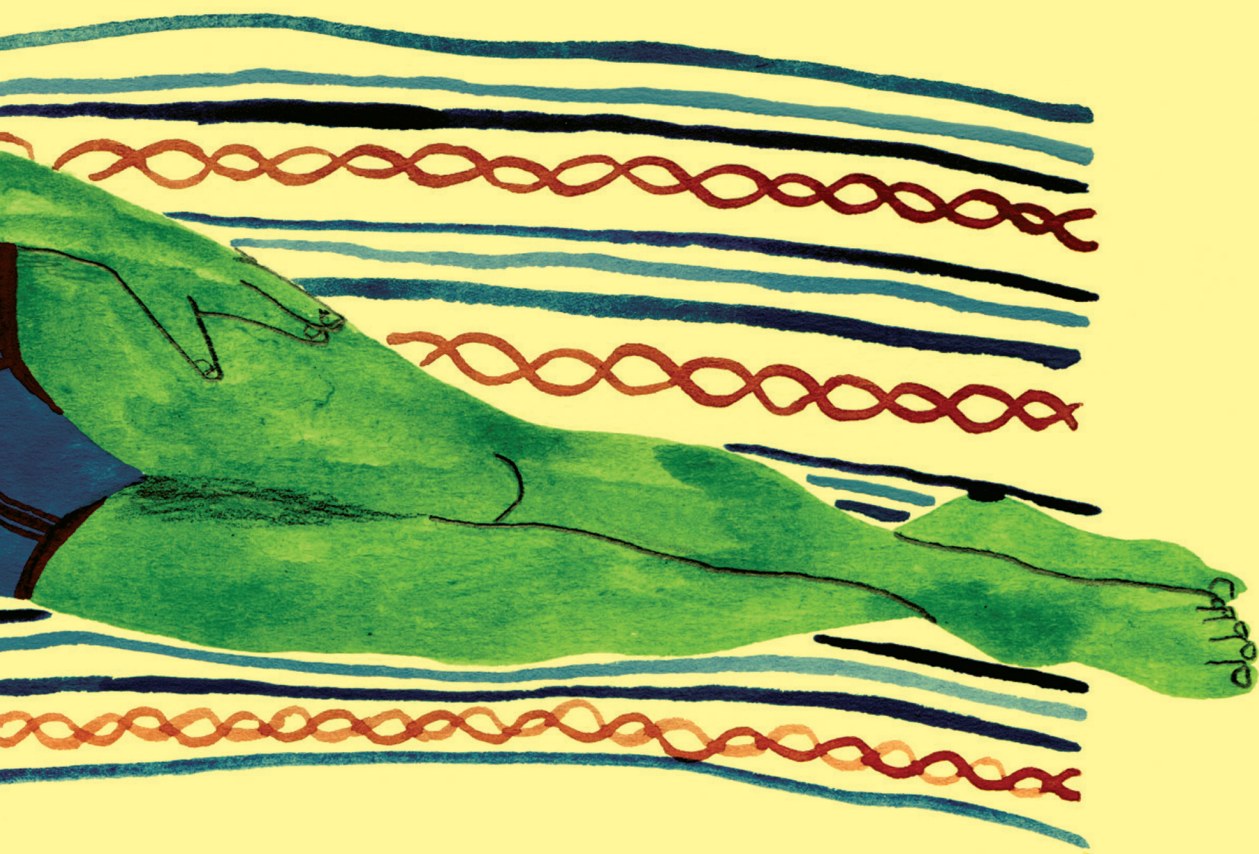


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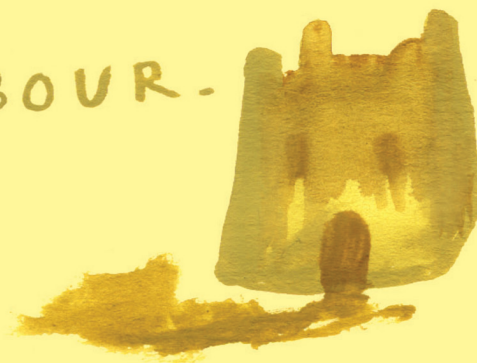


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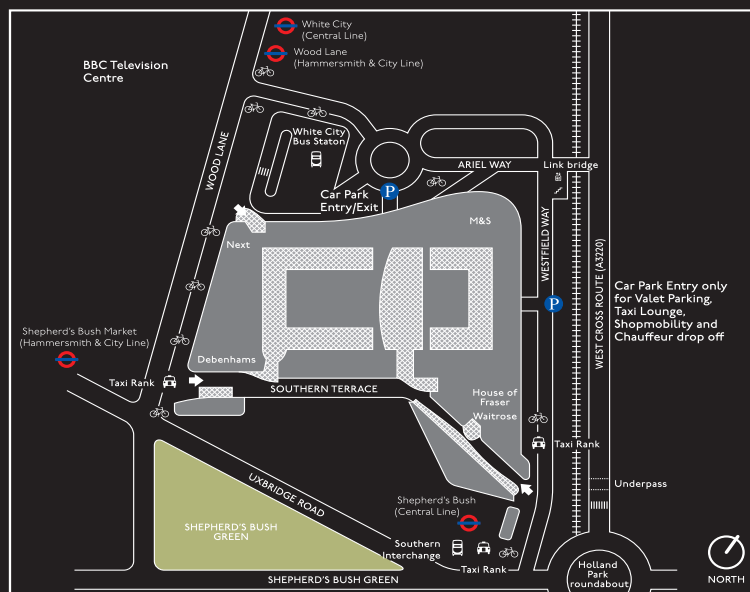
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